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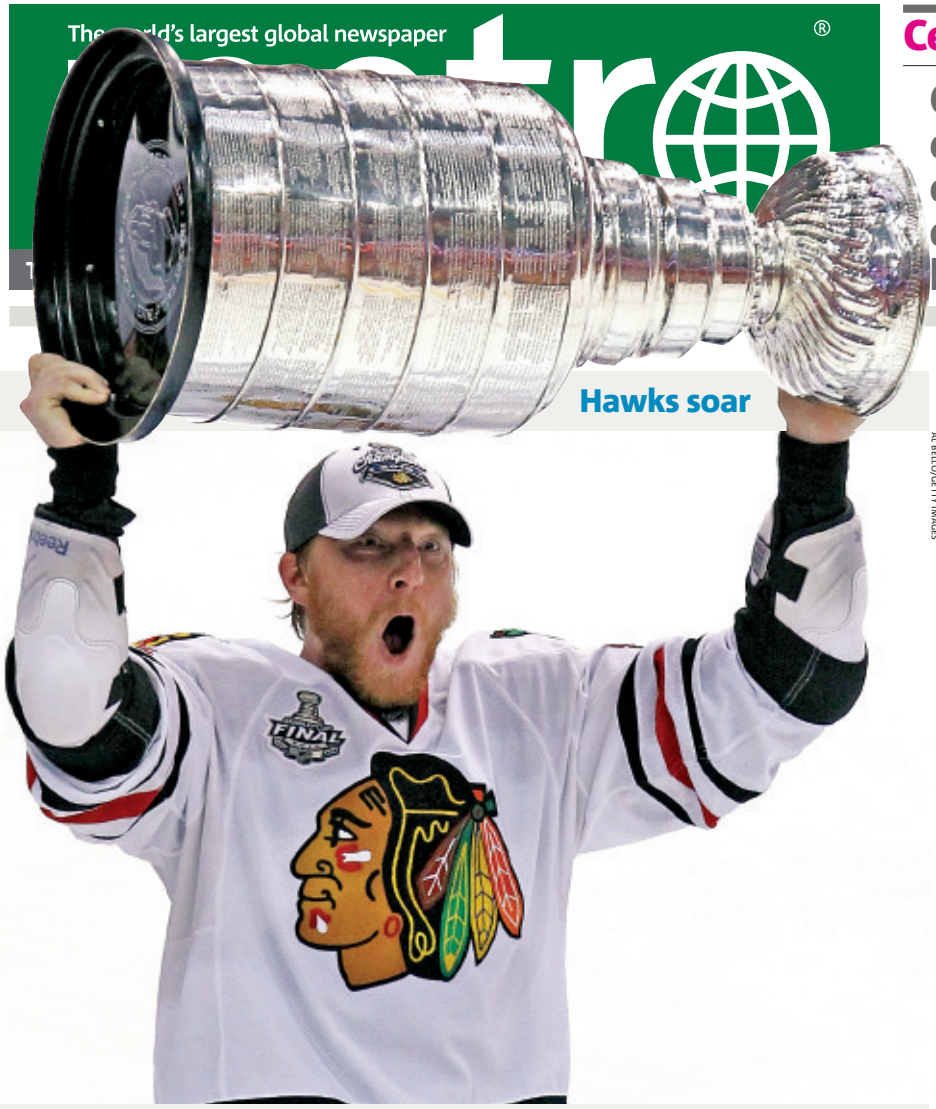

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Chicago's Marian Hossa hoists the Stanley Cup after the Blackhawks beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 in overtime last night in Philadelphia to capture the NHL's crown jewel. Chicago won the best-of-seven series 4-2. More coverage, page 43.

Opportunity knocks

Torontonians finding ways to cash in on G20 summit

Mirella Radman knew the last place she wanted to be during the G20 summit was in her Queens Quay apartment, a seven-minute walk from the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

So she decided to ditch her digs and, with that, nab an $8,400 windfall.

Three weeks ago, Radman posted an online ad for her one-bedroom apartment. Within a day, she received 10 calls and a handful of emails, including an offer from a U.S. Department of State official.

"I was flabbergasted by the demand," she said.

Radman isn't the only one cashing in on the summit. While many residents bemoan the endless disruptions accompanying the two-day conference, others — from earplug vendors to bodyguard firms — are using it as an opportunity to make some extra money.

G20 Summit

Fuelling the G20 rental market is the shortage of hotel rooms. The few high-end, downtown hotels that still have rooms are inflating their prices. During the summit weekend, the Park Hyatt is charging $650 a night for a deluxe double. The following weekend, the same room is available for $276.

Sam Wong, meanwhile, is trying to take advantage of noisy demonstrations by selling specialized earplugs through his company, Marco Polo. His target client? Protesters. Delegates. Residents living nearby.

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Fed budget passes due to no-shows

VOTE Stephen Harper's minority Conservative government has passed its fifth consecutive federal budget with the tacit support of the Liberal opposition.

The 2010 budget bill sailed through the House of Commons by a vote of 138-126 earlier this week, with 30 Liberal MPs absent to ensure the budget survived — along with the government. The massive, 900-page piece of legislation now goes to the chamber of sober second thought, where Independent and Liberal senators are promising to give it a rougher ride.

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Limit Gaza blockade: Obama

MIDEAST U.S. President Barack Obama called for sharply limiting Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip yesterday in the wake of the botched Israeli naval raid that is straining U.S. and Israeli relations with allies around the world.

Needs

- "The key here is making sure that Israel's security needs are met, but that the needs of people in Gaza are also met," said U.S. President Barack Obama, above.

The White House also announced a $400-million aid package for Gaza and the West Bank.

"The situation in Gaza is unsustainable," Obama said as he met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the White House. He said the attention of the world is on the problem because of the "tragedy" of the Israeli raid that killed nine people trying to bring in supplies. Obama called for narrowly tailoring Israel's broad blockade on goods entering the Gaza Strip so arms are kept out, but not food, building materials or other items needed for the Palestinians' daily life and economic development.

The $400 million in aid is meant to improve access to clean drinking water, create jobs, build schools, and address health, housing and other needs.

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Students to pay for Harris' degree?

The president of Nipissing University says she's confident students will not pay a price for the school conferring an honorary degree on former Ontario premier Mike Harris. The Ontario Teachers' Federation has suggested students of the institution in North Bay could be boycotted if Harris receives the honorary degree tomorrow. But university president Lesley Lovett-Doust says Nipissing has an excellent tradition in teacher education, and excellent relations with school boards and associate teachers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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High school students who fail literacy tests showed early signs of struggle

EDUCATION The majority of Ontario high school students may be passing the province's literacy test, but officials said yesterday the students failing showed early signs of struggle.

Figures released by the Education Quality and Accountability Office show 84 per cent of the 170,000 Grade 10 students who took the literacy test in April passed, while 16 per cent failed.

Most of the students who failed this year's test had also struggled with the Grade 6 provincial test.

"I'd want to know what wasn't done?" asked Marie Parsons, the testing office's chief assessment officer, referring to the students who failed both the Grade 6 and Grade 10 tests.

Parsons said among the group that failed each time, more than half were boys and close to half had enrolled in an applied, non-academic course by the time they got to high school.

The testing office says it's possible to raise the level of literacy among students. Of the more than 40,000 students who did not meet the standard in reading in Grade 6, for example, more than half were successful by Grade 10.

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Autism in the genes

Expert says new findings should lead to paradigm shift in autism research

The largest ever attempt to compare the DNA of individuals with autism to people without the condition shows a substantial number of rare genetic changes are involved in the development of the disease.

The scientists behind the effort, published online yesterday by the journal Nature, said the work identifies dozens of new genes involved in autism, with some mutations passing from parents to their autistic offspring and others developing in the autistic individuals themselves.

The pattern that emerges is the genetic causes of autism are likely far more complex than scientists would have hoped.

Senior investigator Steve Scherer, a leading genetics expert at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, says the findings should result in a paradigm shift in the understanding of what causes autism.

"Here our research findings point to the fact that genetic variations that we discovered are actually rare in frequency, meaning most individuals with autism are probably genetically quite unique, each having their own genetic form of autism."

"Most individuals with autism are probably genetically quite unique, each having their own genetic form of autism."
Steve Scherer, Sick Kids

He likened it to each individual having a genetic fingerprint for his or her own version of autism.

An example of the scale of that variability: The findings, based on the study of nearly 1,000 North American and European children with autism spectrum disorders, probably explain about 3.3 per cent of the genetic origins of autism, co-author Dr. Stanley Nelson, professor of human genetics and psychiatry at UCLA, said in a release.

The most common of the genetic changes the scientists spotted was seen in fewer than one per cent of the cases, Scherer said.

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New mobile carriers don't faze Rogers CEO

Telecom won't axe prices to compete

Rogers won't compete on price with Canada's new wireless carriers, but doesn't expect to lose many smartphone subscribers and other higher-value customers to them, says chief executive Nadir Mohamed.

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Rogers CEO Nadir Mohamed.

"If we lose subscribers to new players, we would like to lose the lower-value (customers). We want to keep the ones that are higher value," Mohamed told an RBC technology conference yesterday in New York.

About one-third of Rogers' customers now use smartphones. Data services — such as streaming video, listening to music and sending emails and texts — are a strong driver of growth, he said.

"You won't see the Rogers brand being priced in a way that provides a disconnect between the quality and what we offer."

Mohamed doesn't expect Globalive's Wind Mobile brand, Mobilicity and Public Mobile to take much market share.

"Nationally, that number is going to be fairly small for some time because they won't have launched in enough cities," he said.

But he added the three new carriers could take about 10 per cent of the market share in some cities where they've launched. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mississauga hazing probe not over: Councillor

INVESTIGATION Peel's police chief has told Mississauga councillors that the investigation into hazing incidents — including one caught on video — involving city employees is not over, according to Coun. Carolyn Parrish.

The statement contradicts earlier statements from Janice Baker, Mississauga's city manager, that Chief Mike Metcalf told her police would not lay charges over incidents at the city's transportation and works department.

The revelation came from Parrish, who said when she entered the in-camera council meeting, she asked the chief if the investigation was over.

"He said, 'No,' so I got up and left," Parrish said. "It's inappropriate for us to be asking questions, leading questions, making comments, giving any direction to an investigation."

She went on to say she didn't believe the hazing incident was isolated and she had since been contacted by a few temporary employees who fear they are being harassed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Incidents uncovered by city

- Two employees were bound face-to-face with duct tape on top of a large table. Other employees then threw water balloons at them.
- An employee was bound with duct tape, put on the back of a truck and sent through a car wash.
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Council won't revisit Boardwalk Pub deal

City council voted yesterday not to revisit Tuggs Inc.'s controversial monopoly on food and vending rights on the eastern beaches, including the Boardwalk Pub.

The vote was 22-19, short of the two-thirds required to reopen the matter, despite fears it could set a bad precedent if other businesses that lease city land seek similar deals.

City staff had recommended the concession be put up for bids, but council decided in a late-night vote last month to extend Tuggs' existing lease for another 20 years.

Family's argument

- The Foulidis family, which owns Tuggs, has argued it should get the lease renewal because of the money it spent on the buildings.

The extension, opposed by some Beach residents, could lead to others asking for the same privilege, said Coun. Doug Holyday, chair of the audit committee. He has asked the city's integrity commissioner to review the extension in light of city leasing policies.

"We've got a lot of real estate assets out there that are leased out," he said. "I don't want this to be the way the city does business. It all has to be done aboveboard."

The city's legal department, however, warned that reopening the deal would risk a lawsuit, even though the city hadn't yet signed the agreement.

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U of T prof receives Norwegian prize

AWARD American historian Natalie Zemon Davis accepted Norway's 4.5 million kroner ($584,000) Holberg Prize yesterday for her narrative approach to history.

The awards committee said the 81-year-old University of Toronto professor, who received the award in a ceremony in Bergen, won for her work showing "how particular events can be narrated and analyzed so as to reveal deeper historical tendencies and underlying patterns of thought and action."

The Holberg Prize was created in 2003 by the Norwegian government to honour work in the humanities, social sciences, law and theology. It was named in memory of Norwegian playwright and author Ludvig Holberg, who lived from 1684 to 1754.

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An architect trained with a Master's from JJ College of Architecture, Mumbai, Sudhir was Vice-President of a very well-known construction group. He researched job opportunities in Canada and had lined up a confirmed job in Halifax before moving.

"An agent responded to my online application; we had several discussions over the phone. After a few interviews with the HR people at the firm, I had my first job offer. Unfortunately, the project was shelved, but nobody's to blame for it," says an ever-positive Sudhir." I gained interview opportunities and experience in the process. They say they will contact me when the project gets off the ground."

Manisha, with a Masters in Fine Arts also from JJ School of Arts, ran her own design studio in Mumbai. In Toronto, she is enjoying the weather. She feels absolutely at home and finds Canadians very welcoming.

"Right now both of us are looking for jobs, but things will fall into place soon," she says confidently.

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Pankaj Mehra, Director India and South Asia Markets at Scotiabank, tells the Bagdes, "Water finds its own level. Your positive energy is bound to be reflected in every interaction of yours."

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Sudhir had met a Scotiabank representative in Mumbai who told him about the **Scotiabank *StartRight*®** Program for newcomers to Canada and the bank's partnership with HDFC Bank in India.

"I said, 'Good idea!'" laughs Sudhir. "The banking formalities were all completed while I was in India. I had an account in Canada the day I landed." A minor glitch was soon ironed out. The Bagdes had opened a joint account, but Manisha stayed back in India for their daughter to complete her school exams and joined Sudhir a few weeks later.

"Pankaj helped me sort things out. **Intesar Khan**, the Branch Manager at the time at Highway 10 and Ray Lawson in Brampton, opened a new account for me that I could operate until Manisha joined me."

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The Bagdes admit to wondering how their new neighbours would be and if the kids would settle in. Happily, they have positive things to report on both fronts. Their daughter **Kruti**, 17, stayed in touch with friends in India by e-mail while exploring her new neighbourhood over the summer holidays. Their son **Kalpak**, 12, is immersed in books he brings home from the Mississauga Public Library.

Sudhir has now become a Certified Project Manager (PMP) and working towards LEED accreditation, while extensively networking with professionals in his area.

He recounts an amusing incident. "I had to fill out a form and a lady asked me to spell my name. BAGDE, I said. BADGE, she wrote."

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Signal blockers could drop calls

Jammers for summits expected to be used around motorcades

G20 Summit

A few lost cellphone calls may be the only fallout from the use of signal jammers during the G8 and G20 summits this month.

Wireless companies say they've been told by the government it's possible signals will be jammed, but aren't being given any more information about how thousands of cellphone users could be affected.

While the G8 summit is in Ontario cottage country, the G20 is in the heart of downtown Toronto, and widespread shutdown of cellphone networks could wreak havoc on businesses already preparing to take a hit from security precautions in place for the meetings.

But the technology is expected to be used only to create a moving bubble of electronic silence around motorcades.

"No one will be informed of locations and times for security reasons," said one wireless industry source.

In order to jam the signals, the RCMP must apply for an exemption from the Radiocommunications Act, which generally forbids interfering with the airwaves.

It's unknown whether they've applied for one for the summits, as approvals are only published after the fact.

But the first RCMP exemption was for the 2002 G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alta.

They were also granted an OK for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and Whistler, B.C.

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Security tool

- With cellphones and remote controls often tools of choice for setting off bombs, jammers have become a regular security tool at major national and international events.

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Insp. Gord Sneddon of the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team releases three sketch portraits of a suspect who had purchased a large quantity of fertilizer.

Police find buyer of ammonium nitrate

SECURITY Toronto police say they have contacted a man who bought a large amount of a potential bomb-making fertilizer at a store not far from where the G20 summit will be held.

Police say the purchaser contacted the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team shortly after it released a composite sketch of the man to the public yesterday afternoon.

They say the ammonium nitrate has been recovered from two addresses in Toronto.

Police stress there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the purchase and that they do not expect to lay charges.

Earlier in the day, police had said the individual who made the purchase had falsely misrepresented himself as making the purchase on behalf of a local grower.

The man, believed to be in his late 50s or early 60s, bought the ammonium nitrate in the mid-afternoon of May 26 at a farm-supply store in Lincoln, Ont., about 100 kilometres from Toronto.

Store workers reported the purchase to regional police May 31.

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Dual use

- While ammonium nitrate is a legitimate agricultural fertilizer, it has also become a substance of choice for terrorists, since it is readily available and can be converted into an explosive.

CSIS met with aboriginal activists: APTN

G20 Summit

WARNING The Aboriginal Peoples Television Network has video of what it says is a Canadian security agent warning native activists that blockades during the G20 summit could trigger a reaction from foreign security forces in Canada to protect their leaders.

The network says the unidentified woman from the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service met with two members of Red Power United, an aboriginal rights group planning blockades across Canada starting June 24.

APTN says the meeting was at a bus stop in Toronto last Thursday. The encounter appears to have been videotaped from a distance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

G20 reading **Food for thought**

RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Chapters book chain has created a reading list and series of G20 tables in its stores across Canada to "promote dialogue," said Bahram Olfati, Chapters's vice president for adult trade. The tables are the result of a series of discussions among Chapters executives and staff to cover G20 issues from the left, right and centre, said Olfati. The one Chapters store inside the yellow perimeter in downtown Toronto has included titles by Noam Chomsky and a few on Che Guevara.

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Area winery reverses year-earlier loss

Niagara winemaker Andrew Peller Ltd. says it earned a small profit of $638,000 in its most recent quarter, reversing a year-earlier loss as the company operated more efficiently and faced some lower costs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Author hopes literacy campaign scores big

PHIL BROWN
For Metro Toronto

Best-selling children's author and former teacher Eric Walters began his writing career as a challenge from his students.

He put together a short novel to encourage his creative writing class, and ended up discovering a passion for it. As Walters joked with Metro, his writing may have begun as a classroom activity, "but that was 69 novels ago." The author is perhaps best known for his basketball novels.

"The series originated when I was still teaching and hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament," said Walters. "I wrote the kids this book and read it to them chapter by chapter, day by day when they showed up to the tournament."

There are now 10 books in the series, including the latest entry, Home Team, about a few local Toronto kids trying to get the Toronto Raptors to appear at their school. Inspired by his teaching days when he would read early drafts of his books to his class, Walters published every chapter of Home Team online and allowed students from around Toronto to read and comment on the material.

"We had over 600 co-writers," he said. "When you get kids involved, especially boys, they become more willing to read. And for me, it was really important to have their feedback."

The book is being released as part of Walters's Hoops For Hope campaign, which raises awareness for literacy across Canada. There have been a variety of events so far, but the biggest will be the All Canada Classic. The best young basketball players from around the country will be playing live, and at halftime, Walters plans to get on the court to challenge some of them with his co-writers Johnny Williams and former Toronto Raptor Jerome Williams. When asked if he was nervous to put down his pen and pick up a ball, Walters laughed, "Nah, I'm a pretty good player actually. I'm not NBA quality though. When Jerome plays with me, he just fools around. If he were to play with me seriously it wouldn't be whether I won or lost, it would be whether I ended up in the emergency room."

The All Canada Classic

- Location: The Air Canada Centre
- Date: Monday, June 14
- Boys: 5 to 7 p.m. / Girls: 7 to 9 p.m.
- Cost: Students $5 / Adults $10 / Courtside $30
- The event is part of Walters's overall series of events, known as Hoops for Hope, celebrating basketball and literacy.

John Street **At your service**

JOHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

Actor-model Austin Butler makes the day of some fans yesterday as he stops to pose with them on John Street, where they are camping out for MuchMusic Video Award wristbands. The 18-year-old Zoey 101 and Hannah Montana star is in the city co-starring with Ashley Tisdale in the Disney movie High Stakes. He recently posted on Twitter: "I love Toronto, everyone's really awesome!"

Want to beat the HST? Try Washington

EXEMPTION The imminent switch to the harmonized sales tax in Ontario and British Columbia will mean residents of those provinces won't have to pay sales tax on some goods purchased in Washington state.

The state government said in a statement that Ontario and B.C. residents will be eligible for a tax exemption on goods purchased for use outside the state, excluding lodging, meals and other services, after they adopt the HST on July 1.

Washington allows retailers to waive the state's 6.5 per cent sales tax for residents of jurisdictions with sales taxes of three per cent or less.

When B.C. and Ontario blend their provincial sales taxes with the federal GST, Washington state will consider their sales taxes to be zero because the HST is considered a value-added tax, not a sales tax.

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Catholic school board back in the black

Toronto's Catholic board is back in the black again, projecting a surplus next year, and has also eliminated its near $15-million capital deficit by selling off closed schools. The board is also on the road to ending provincial supervision, say documents obtained by the Toronto Star. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Town wants to put brakes on stop signs

UXBRIDGE They're bad for the environment and they don't work, say proponents of an idea to reduce stop signs in the town of 11,000 northeast of Toronto.

"They do not make a road any safer. People get killed at stop signs because they trust the other guy will stop," says Heinz Nitschke, a member of the volunteer group Energy Conservation Committee.

While Nitschke is ready to pull out all the stops, Uxbridge Mayor Bob Shepherd favours removing some and seeing how people react.

"I'm a roller," he admits, pointing out full stops are unnecessary if nothing is coming the other way.

Stop signs have long been an "easy fix" for residents' demands for speed controls in their neighbourhood, but they're ineffective, says Shepherd, who is waiting for a report on options from the director of public works.

Some Ontario municipalities, which make their own decisions about where to put stop signs, have experimented with traffic circles and roundabouts that keep cars flowing slowly around intersections, eliminating the need to stop or make left turns.

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Chief marshal Cathy Gullo helps Ryerson graduate Hugh Anderson, from the disability studies program, with his gown yesterday afternoon before he goes into convocation.

Grads' rite of passage

Blame Friar Tuck.

The billowing robe Hugh Anderson donned this week to collect his bachelor's degree from Ryerson University has roots that date back eight centuries to a time when most scholars were brothers of the cloth. Seven yards of cloth, at least.

"Robes provided warmth in drafty monastery halls and the more bells and whistles on the trim, the higher up the chain the monk was," explains Canada's guru of graduation gowns, Bert Harkes, general manager of Harcourts Robe makers and Tailors.

"Today's graduation hoods are really remnants from that Friar Tuck monks' code because our education system started with the clergy."

Somehow, in this new secular millennium marked by tank tops and flip-flops, the academic robe still rules convocation.

"You have to make a party for the parents; they're all waiting for the moment of 'The Photo,'" notes Harkes, "and the gown is very much the key."

"You have to make a party for the parents; they're all waiting for the moment of 'The Photo.' "
Bert Harkes, tailor

Anderson, who graduated from disability studies, calls academic robes "a great idea; it distinguishes us as graduates; it's tradition."

Fashion Prof. Lucia Dell'Agnese won the chance to design a new robe when Ryerson became a university 16 years ago. Her design of black silk damask with gold trim was still worn this week by current chancellor Raymond Chang. "With so much change in the world every day, convocation is an important rite of passage," she said.

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News in brief

EDUCATION The provincial government is implementing full-day kindergarten too fast and without proper funding, say several Ontario school boards that are already forecasting deficits. Peel's public board alone pegs its shortfall for the first year of the new program — which begins this September after being announced last October — at $1.8 million, and Toronto's Catholic board $700,000. Durham's public board estimates a $500,000 deficit, and Toronto's public board $400,000. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Bus driver convicted after man dragged two kilometres

A bus driver from Hamilton has been convicted of careless driving in the death of a man in March 2009. Richard Chambers, 56, of Guelph, died when he was hit by a bus and dragged for two kilometres. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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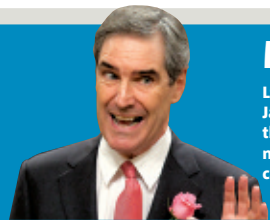

Merger? It's 'ridiculous'

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, left, and NDP chief Jack Layton are scoffing at a media report suggesting their parties are in "serious" negotiations about a merger. Ignatieff says the idea is "ridiculous." Layton calls it "fiction." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds face off with Elections Canada

The Conservative party is attempting to use the courts to subvert the will of Parliament on campaign financing, Elections Canada will argue today in the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

The appeal in a Toronto courtroom by the independent elections watchdog signals an odd reversal of the old conservative complaint about judge-made law.

But it is perhaps befitting of a topsy-turvy court case in which the Conservative Party of Canada fought and won the right to return almost $600,000 in rebates to the federal treasury.

> **"There's a lot of gaming that goes on with the rules."**
> Robert MacDermid

The legal appeal is one of two currently underway that pit the Tories against Elections Canada over interpretations of election financing law.

"There's a lot of gaming that goes on with the rules, and that's clearly what's happening," said Robert MacDermid, an expert in political financing who teaches at York University.

The rebate case revolves around the refunds that parties receive from Elections Canada for half of all campaign expenses, coupled with an additional Canada Revenue Agency rebate of half their GST payments. The Tories successfully argued this amounts to "double-dipping," and are prepared to repay $591,000 in rebates from the 2004 and 2006 elections. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Oilsands behind crude oil boom

INDUSTRY Expansion in the Alberta oilsands will help boost Canadian crude oil production by more than 50 per cent in the next 15 years, says a new report.

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers predicts total crude oil production will grow from 2.8 million barrels a day this year to 4.3 million barrels a day by 2025.

The oilsands will contribute 3.5 million barrels a day or 81 per cent of total crude production by 2025.

"While the economic downturn in 2009 saw many projects deferred, a stabilizing investment climate, more robust commodity prices and market demand for Canadian crude have provided the foundation for several projects to return to active development," said Greg Stringham, vice-president of markets and oilsands at CAPP.

4.3M Crude oil production is expected to hit 4.3 million barrels a day by 2025, a 50 per cent increase over current levels.

"Canada's oil and gas industry continues to develop and implement new technologies to better address the challenges," Stringham added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The terror attack that never was

CRIME A Montreal man has been charged with perpetrating a terrorist hoax last year.

Mounties say they, Montreal police and John Abbott College received a letter warning of a potential terrorist attack against the college by a group of Pakistani students.

An investigation revealed the letter was a hoax and the alleged attack was unfounded. THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's fast times for 11-year-old Canadian recruited to Ferrari's elite Italian driving school.

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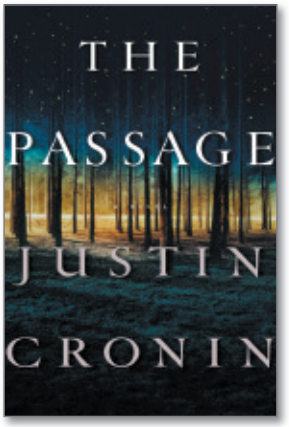

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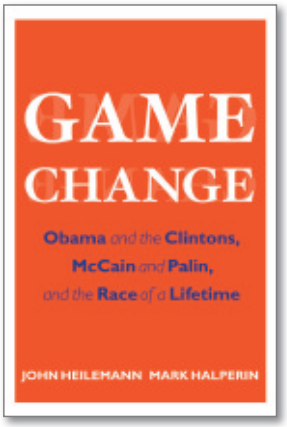

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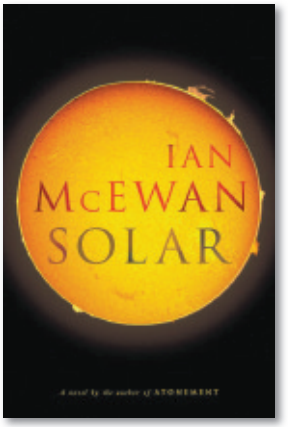

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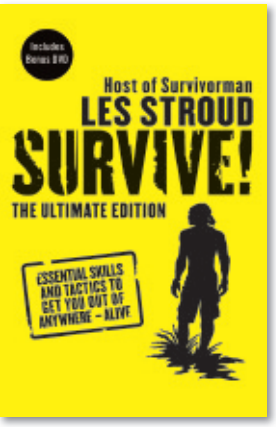

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Officer faces assault charge

A Windsor police detective is facing a charge of assault causing bodily harm following an investigation by the province's Special Investigations Unit. Det. David Van Buskirk is scheduled to appear in court July 8. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Revealed: Why Guergis fell

What clinched Helena Guergis' ouster from the Conservative fold? The long-standing question was answered by the party's lawyer yesterday.

Arthur Hamilton revealed she was turfed because of information that she was helping her husband peddle influence with the government.

Hamilton told a Commons committee a Toronto private eye was only one of a number of sources that helped put together the unflattering picture that forced Prime Minister Stephen Harper's hand on April. 9.

MPs on the government operations committee are studying allegations that her husband, former Tory MP Rahim Jaffer, had been illegally lobbying government officials and possibly influence peddling.

"Mr. Jaffer was creating the illusion that he was ultra-connected with the Conservative government and that he could make funds available and effectively open doors to potential investors," said Hamilton, a lawyer with Toronto firm Cassels Brock & Blackwell.

"Ms. Guergis assisted and amplified this aura of connectedness that Mr. Jaffer was presenting."
Arthur Hamilton

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Hamilton's testimony contrasted that of private investigator Derrick Snowdy, who told the committee last month that he knew of no criminal evidence against her.

Hamilton also refuted Guergis' claim that she has never been told the exact nature of the allegations.

He revealed that a well-known Toronto communications consultant, Jaime Watt, contacted him on her behalf. Hamilton said he laid out the allegations against Guergis to Watt.

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Helena Guergis had to go because she helped her husband peddle influence, a Tory party lawyer claims. She has denied it.

China, Russia join vote against Iran

SANCTIONS Will Tehran get the message?

Canada's former ambassador to Tehran, Ken Taylor, hopes so.

Taylor was reacting to a landmark UN Security Council vote against Iran's nuclear program yesterday that goes well beyond the United States and Israel.

Ken Taylor

Taylor called it particularly significant that China and Russia voted to impose sanctions on Iran for the program that has sparked fears the country is trying to build a nuclear weapon.

"There is a message and I hope it penetrates to them that this is no longer just a U.S. initiative," Taylor said.

"They can't explain it away by saying that's our long-standing antagonist."

Twelve members of the Security Council voted for more sanctions. Brazil and Turkey voted no. Lebanon abstained. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada rapped over abortion

AID The head of a group fighting illness in poor countries has told Canada: Don't pick and choose what you fund. Michel Kazatchkine criticized Ottawa's decision not to spend dollars on abortion.

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News in brief

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Northern warming

Canada learning to chill over the Arctic

The Canadian government denounced it as a land-grabbing stunt when Russia planted its flag on the sea floor under the North Pole in 2007.

But when federal Northern Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl met the man who piloted the flag-bearing sub, the first thing Arthur Chilingarov did was invite him to a conference.

"He was keen to work with us," Strahl said yesterday from Oslo, Norway, where he met Chilingarov this week.

"I said, 'Give me some more details.' "

And that, Strahl said, is the new tone of Canada-Russia relations in the North. Instead of snarling over Arctic paratroop drops and bomber overflights, the two countries are now playing nice.

"It's improving," said Strahl. "Clearly, things are on the move. There seems to be generally a growing interest."

Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon has met with his Russian counterpart four times so far this year. And Strahl's department has signed an agreement with Russia that promises co-operation on economic and social development for northern aboriginals.

The two countries have recently discussed working together on Arctic sea floor mapping. Both have joined negotiations toward a search-and-rescue treaty.

Strahl was in Russia late last week and during his few days there, everyone from university students to members of the Russian parliament asked him about setting up exchange programs with Canada, said Strahl.

"Everybody I talked to, from the intellectual groups in the universities to the indigenous people themselves, there seems to be a real openness toward working together."

Well, yes, said Michael Byers, Arctic expert and an international law professor at the University of British Columbia. But it's not the bear that's coming out of its cave, it's the beaver.

"I think the Harper government has finally opened to the fact Russia wants to co-operate in the Arctic," Byers said.

> **"Both countries use each other to justify military spending."**
> Whitney Lackenbauer, Arctic expert

Whitney Lackenbauer, a historian and Arctic expert at the University of Waterloo, has noticed it as well.

"We've seen a lot of rhetorical theatrics by both sides in recent years," he said. "Both countries use each other to justify military spending."

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Explosion levels two homes in Napanee

Investigators will sift through rubble today looking for a potential victim after an explosion levelled two homes in Napanee, Ont. It happened late Tuesday morning when an explosion and fire started in one home and quickly spread to another. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Controversial

• The files are the subject of intense controversy in Canada. The Military Police Complaints Commission, an independent federal body, has asked the Department of National Defence to disclose all documents on detainees, including detainee transfer orders in Kandahar.

But the federal government says those files are beyond the commission's mandate and is trying to prevent their release. Two weeks ago, lawyers for the Justice Department filed an application with the Federal Court that seeks to overrule the commission's request.

Paper chase in Afghanistan

Military begins collecting detainee transfer documents

The Canadian military has started collecting paperwork stashed inside metal shipping containers at Kandahar Airfield that could shed light on whether its commanders turned over detainees to Afghan authorities without weighing the risk of torture.

A military team of four has arrived at the base from Canada to complete the arduous task of retrieving thousands of highly sensitive documents that detail the transfer of detainees from Canadian custody.

"It's not a document hunt," Lt.-Col. Shane Gifford, who is responsible for detainee files at the base, told The Canadian Press.

"We know where all the documents are. It's not looking for something that fell behind the chairs or something."

Military officials in Kandahar said the application has not stalled the retrieval of the documents.

Canada's military police unit on the base holds about 650 detainee files. The rest are held by the intelligence unit, the provincial reconstruction team at Camp Nathan Smith in Kandahar city and Gifford's office.

The team collecting and cataloguing the documents is expected to have them in hand and ready to be shipped to Ottawa in about a month, Gifford said.

"The goal is 30 days," he said.

"If I had to go back and say, 'It's going to take me three more days to do it,' is the world going to fall apart? No."

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Minister tours tornado-hit Leamington

STORM DAMAGE Federal minister of state Gary Goodyear spent yesterday morning viewing damage caused by a tornado in Leamington, Ont. The minister visited a damaged greenhouse, a subdivision, a community park and the municipal marina.

Goodyear said Environment Canada is preparing to announce a new Doppler radar system which could detect storms higher up in the atmosphere, and could perhaps have detected Sunday's tornado sooner.

Meanwhile, officials say hydro crews have completed the bulk of the work restoring power in Leamington. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SAFETY The Harper government is taking another kick at the consumer-safety can. Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq has tabled a bill that would let the federal government order recalls of dangerous goods. Antiquated consumer-protection laws do not give the government the power to pull products from shelves, so all recalls are voluntary. The legislation also includes stiffer penalties for companies that sell dangerous goods. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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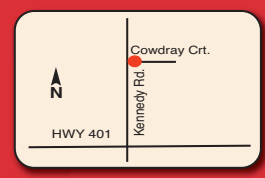

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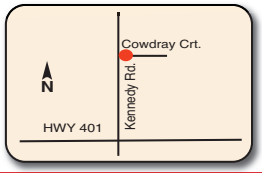

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N.B. Tory leader's plane use questioned

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Quebec hurting Canada, Williams says

Blocking Lower Churchill hurts environment and economy, N.L. premier tells Ottawa crowd

Newfoundland Premier Danny Williams launched a blistering attack on Quebec yesterday, accusing the province of harming Canadians and the environment.

The cause of the Newfoundland premier's complaint was not new — he accuses Quebec of blocking development of the Lower Churchill hydroelectric project as well as past sins — but the locale and the vehemence of his attack took the dispute to a new level.

Danny Williams

"The shock to me, as a provincial leader, is the sense of greed and arrogance and entitlement displayed by Quebec," Williams told about 500 people at a Canadian Club luncheon in Ottawa.

Newfoundland premiers have long complained that a mid-1960s financing agreement that made development of the Upper Churchill hydroelectric project possible is now transferring billions of dollars of wealth from what once was one of Canada's poorest provinces to Quebec.

Now Williams says Quebec is unfairly blocking development of a Lower Churchill project by denying access to transmission lines only because it wants to diminish competition for Hydro-Quebec.

Williams said such a policy is not only harming his province, but also Ontario, which he said stands to gain through the creation of 80,000 "green jobs" and the billions of dollars of materials Ontario could provide for the Lower Churchill project, including steel, cement and industrial and electrical equipment.

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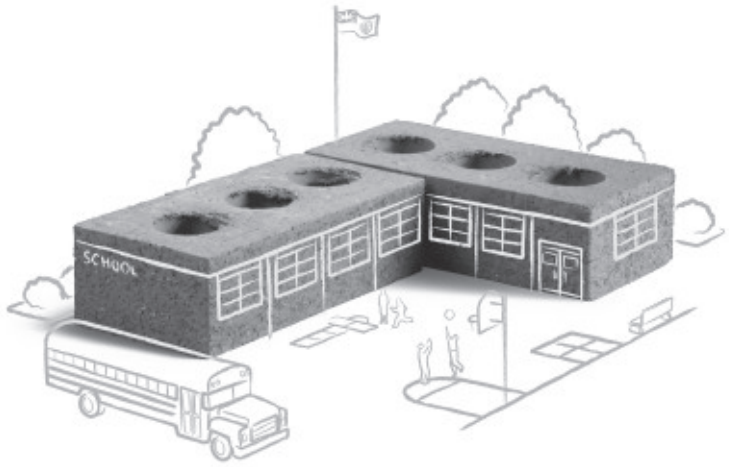

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Authorities violating accused's rights, judge rules

COURT A B.C. court says authorities at a pre-trial detention centre have violated the charter rights of a purported gang leader charged in the slayings of six men in the throes of an ongoing gang war.

In a scathing written ruling, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Mark McEwan says authorities at the Surrey Pre-trial Centre where Jamie Bacon has been housed since his April 2009 arrest have repeatedly violated his rights by basically acting as agents for police.

Charges

- Jason Bacon, one of a trio of brothers who police contend are the nucleus of the Red Scorpions gang, is accused of murder in the killing of six men — two of them innocent bystanders — at a Surrey apartment in October 2007.

The judge denounces the warden for keeping Bacon in segregation for 23 hours a day, for denying him visitors, and limiting his access to legal counsel and even pens and paper.

McEwan says Bacon has been kept in conditions that "would be deplorable in any civilized society," and finds they constitute cruel and unusual punishment.

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Open season on Canada geese

B.C. Some fowl are fair game in Penticton, B.C.

Councillors in the southern Okanagan city have declared open season on Canada geese in hopes of controlling increasingly large flocks.

But you won't be able to load up the shotgun and open fire on the birds known for their testy temperament and prolific parting gifts.

The City of Penticton will issue special permits limited to the fall and winter hunting seasons.

Shooting will also be restricted to city farmland and prohibited in area parks or beaches.

Council says it also welcomes contractors using hawks or dogs to scare away the Canada geese.

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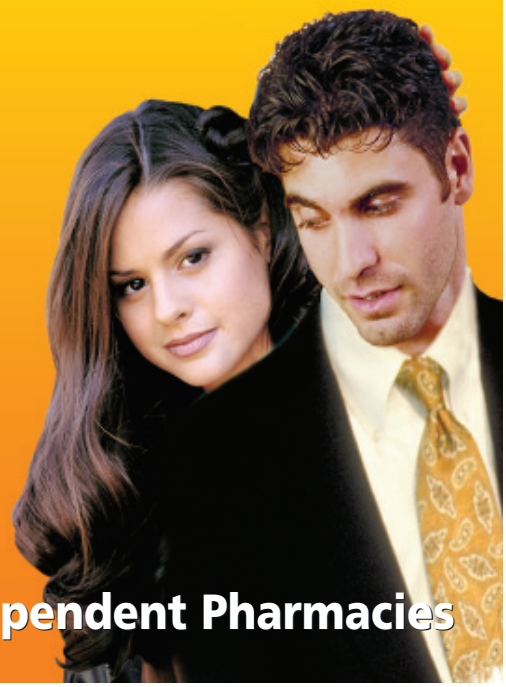

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Man arrested in Times Square probe transferred to New York

One of three men rounded up in New England during the investigation of the failed Times Square bomb is now in custody in New York. Aftab Khan was to appear yesterday in Manhattan federal court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Dutch election too close to call

Dutch elections ended in a dead heat between right and left, exit polls showed yesterday, a splintered outcome that spelled weeks and possibly months of haggling to fashion a ruling coalition. Projections showed the conservative VVD party under leader Mark Rutte, left, and the left-leaning Labor Party winning 31 seats each in the 150-seat parliament, and the anti-Islam Freedom Party of Geert Wilders scoring its best-ever 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran hit with new sanctions

Ahmadinejad dismisses nuclear punishment as 'annoying flies'

The U.S. and its allies scored a long-sought victory yesterday by pushing through new United Nations sanctions over Iran's nuclear program, punishments Tehran dismissed as "annoying flies, like a used tissue."

The sanctions target Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard, ballistic missiles and nuclear-related investments. Oil exports, the lifeblood of Iran's economy, are not affected because targeting them would have cost the U.S. essential support from Russia and China.

U.S. President Barack Obama said the sanctions are the toughest Iran has ever faced. They required several months of difficult negotiations by the five veto-wielding permanent UN Security Council members — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France — and non-member Germany.

This is the fourth round of sanctions aimed at getting Iran into serious discussions on its nuclear ambitions.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad dismissed the new sanctions as "annoying flies, like a used tissue."

"We do not recognize sanctions," he said in Tajikistan, where he is on an official visit.

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Right to left: U.S. Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice, British Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant and Ugandan Ambassador Ruhakana Rugunda vote to affirm a UN Security Council resolution on Iran while Turkish Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan votes against it yesterday in New York.

Tehran insists its program is peaceful and aimed at producing nuclear energy. The U.S. and its allies say Iran is trying to produce nuclear weapons; they want Iran to suspend uranium enrichment and start negotiations aimed at ensuring that it uses nuclear technology only for peaceful purposes.

The new resolution bans Iran from pursuing "any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons," bars Iranian investment in activities such as uranium mining and prohibits Iran from buying several categories of heavy weapons including attack helicopters and missiles. Iran, however, already has most of what it would need to make a weapon.

Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili, warned that "choosing the option of confrontation will bring Iran's resolute response." He did not say what that is. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Unmistakable'

- U.S. President Barack Obama is welcoming the UN Security Council's new sanctions against a defiant Iran over its nuclear program, saying it sends an "unmistakable message" to Tehran.

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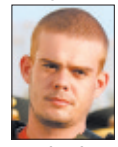
Did the FBI unwittingly bankroll Peru murder?

INVESTIGATION The FBI thought it was closing in on Joran Van der Sloot in the Natalee Holloway missing-teenager case, paying him at least $15,000 in a sting operation, U.S. officials said yesterday. But when the agency delayed his arrest to build a murder case, he took the money and headed for Peru, where authorities say he now has confessed to killing a different young woman.

Federal law enforcement officials and a private investigator say the work on Holloway's disappearance was revived about six weeks ago when Van der Sloot, who is Dutch, reached out to someone close to the Alabama teenager's mother and requested $250,000 in exchange for disclosing the location of the young woman's body on the island of Aruba.

Aruba authorities have been frustrated in their efforts to prosecute Van der Sloot because they have been unable to find her remains.

The federal officials said yesterday that Holloway's mother contacted authorities in Alabama, and the FBI set a sting operation in motion targeting Van der Sloot. He has since been charged in Alabama with trying to extort money from the family.



Van der Sloot

Van der Sloot was the last person seen with Holloway before she vanished during a high school graduation trip to the Dutch Caribbean island on May 30, 2005. He was arrested but has been released twice because of a lack of evidence.

He is being held in Peru in connection with the May 30 killing of 21-year-old business student Stephany Flores, the daughter of a Peruvian circus impresario and former race car driver. She was found beaten to death, her neck broken, in the 22-year-old Dutchman's hotel room. Police said the two met playing poker at a casino. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Video of hostage released

SOMALIA A video showing a man believed to be a French security agent who has been held by an extremist Somali Islamic group for almost a year has been posted on Islamic militant websites. Denis Allex pleads for his release in the video posted yesterday asking his compatriots in general to pressure the French government to respond to demands by al-Shabab. The U.S. State Department has designated al-Shabab a terrorist organization and believes it has links with al-Qaida. SITE Intelligence Group, an organization that monitors militant websites, reposted the video to its site. French Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero declined to comment on the video. The French security agent was captured in Somalia July 14, 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

GAMBIA Twelve foreigners whose arrest last month led to the seizure of two tons of cocaine stashed in warehouses in the west African country were charged yesterday. The 12, who include Dutch and Venezuelan nationals as well citizens of nearby African countries, were charged with drug possession and trafficking offences related to the May seizure of more than three kilograms of cocaine. The fragile states along Africa's west coast have become major trafficking hubs for cocaine on its way from Latin American coca fields to the European market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Thousands remember gunman's victims

Thousands of residents in the northern England area where 52-year-old taxi driver Derrick Bird went on a shooting rampage last week, killing a dozen people including his twin brother, have attended memorial services to remember the victims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Insurgents shot down a NATO helicopter and killed four American troops in southern Afghanistan yesterday, the military said, in the latest bloodshed ahead of a major operation in the militants' heartland. The violence came as Afghanistan's ousted intelligence chief warned in an interview with The Associated Press that Afghan President Hamid Karzai's strategy of seeking reconciliation with the Taliban was dangerously flawed. The deaths, and that of a British soldier killed by an improvised bomb in a separate attack yesterday, take NATO's toll to 29 deaths in nine days, according to an AP count. The United States has lost 17 service members since Sunday. It is part of a spike in violence that comes as U.S. commanders put the final touches on a plan to secure the Taliban's southern heartland of Kandahar, an operation they hope will turn the tide of the nearly nine-year-old war.

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New rules for citizens' non-EU spouses

Love may have its own language — but that's not good enough for the British government.

It wants English, too.

Starting this fall, the spouse of a citizen who is coming from outside the European Union and wants to live in Britain will have to prove he or she has a basic command of English.

The move, announced yesterday by the new Conservative government of Prime Minister David Cameron, comes as countries across Europe tighten immigration rules amid rising unemployment and concerns about the ability of newcomers to integrate.

"I believe being able to speak English should be a prerequisite for anyone who wants to settle here."
Theresa May, Britain's home secretary

The move has been criticized by civil libertarians, lawyers, and activists.

But the government is casting the new policy as an effort to promote integration — not to keep out foreigners.

"I believe being able to speak English should be a prerequisite for anyone who wants to settle here," Home Secretary Theresa May said in a statement. "The new English requirement for spouses will help promote integration, remove cultural barriers and protect public services."

Couples already have to meet other criteria, like proving their marriage is genuine and demonstrating they can support themselves financially. And language tests are required for skilled workers and people applying for permanent residency or citizenship.

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U.S. General David H. Petraeus speaks at the Royal United Service Institute, Land Warfare conference in London yesterday.

We need you, U.S. general tells Brits

MILITARY Gen. David Petraeus warned yesterday that the effort to quash the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan would fail without British support, making his case to British leaders facing painful choices over what kind of military commitments the country can afford.

Addressing an audience of officers and diplomats in London ahead of a major U.K. strategic defence review, the head of the U.S. Central Command said that he needed Britain's help to beat the Taliban.

"As was the case in Iraq, the scale of the British contribution in Afghanistan is such that the coalition cannot succeed without you," he said.

The U.K. currently has some 10,000 soldiers in the NATO-led mission fighting in Afghanistan, and it is the second-largest foreign contingent after the United States. But public support for the war is uneven and Britain also faces a yawning budget deficit the country's newly elected leaders must tackle.

"The coalition cannot succeed without you."
Gen. David Petraeus, to U.K. military heads

U.S. leaders have been eager to get assurances that Britain is still in for the long haul in Afghanistan following the installation of a coalition government that marries Prime Minister David Cameron's right-leaning Conservatives with the dovish Liberal Democrats — the only major party to oppose Britain's involvement in Iraq.

But British Defence Secretary Liam Fox has said that his government has inherited an economic "train wreck" and that the military needs to come to "a realistic assessment of how much can we reasonably afford given the threat that the country faces."

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French judge charges man in veil case
A French judge has charged a man who spoke out after his companion, wearing a Muslim veil, was cited for driving while her vision was hindered. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel eases ban on some foods for Gaza

Israel took a first step yesterday to temper the uproar caused by its deadly high-seas raid on a blockade-busting flotilla by allowing in potato chips, cookies, spices and other previously banned food items into the Gaza Strip.

But the things Gazans need most — cement, steel and other materials to rebuild their war-ravaged territory — are still mostly banned, and critics denounced the move as insignificant. President Barack Obama called for a new approach on the blockade.

Instead of easing international criticism of Israel following the raid that killed nine pro-Palestinian activists, yesterday's decision appeared to focus more attention on its three-year-old blockade of Gaza and the seemingly arbitrary decision-making about which goods are allowed in.

After meeting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Washington, Obama said the Mideast situation is "unsustainable." He called the flotilla clash a "tragedy" and said a "better approach" is needed in Gaza. He called for a "new conceptual framework" for Israel's blockade.

Maxwell Gaylard, the UN's senior humanitarian official in the Palestinian territories, said Israel's move was insufficient.

"A modest expansion of the restrictive list of goods allowed into Gaza falls well short of what is needed. We need a fundamental change and an opening of crossings for commercial goods."

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Dual blockade

- Israel and Egypt have been enforcing an embargo on Gaza, banning all exports and allowing in only basic humanitarian and consumer items, since the territory was violently overrun by Hamas militants in 2007. The blockade on certain items, like cement, has been enforced by Israel for fear they will be used to build weapons.

China **Dance dance revolution**

ANDY WONG/AP PHOTO

A Chinese woman dances while a South African musical group performs on a stage at the World Park in Beijing, China yesterday.

UN torture expert dismayed by Cuba blocking decision

HUMAN RIGHTS Cuba has blocked the UN's independent torture investigator from visiting the country despite an earlier invitation, he said yesterday.

"I regret that in spite of its clear invitation, the government of Cuba has not allowed me to objectively assess the situation of torture and ill-treatment in the country by collecting firsthand evidence from all available sources," Manfred Nowak said in a statement.

The Cuban government informed him it was unable to accommodate his visit before the end of his term on Oct. 30, he said.

Cuba's mission to the UN in Geneva disputed Nowak's account but offered no explanation.

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"I regret that ... the government of Cuba has not allowed me to objectively assess the situation."
Manfred Nowak, UN torture investigator

News in brief

IRAQ Masked gunmen killed three jewelers before fleeing with a large amount of gold in a sophisticated attack yesterday in southern Iraq, underscoring fears that street crime is soaring as sectarian fighting wanes. The heist in the Shiite stronghold of Basra came two weeks after a similar robbery in Baghdad that left 15 dead.

BAN A global effort to ban cluster bombs has gained the signatures of 106 countries, but 70 more have yet to sign on with only weeks to go before the ban goes into effect on Aug. 1. The United States is among those refusing to sign. The Pentagon considers cluster bombs to be a key part of its defence strategy.

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South Korean general arrested on espionage allegations

A two-star South Korean army general was arrested yesterday for allegedly leaking secrets to a former spy for Seoul, who then possibly passed the information to North Korea, the Defence Ministry and a news report said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BP bringing in more equipment

Machinery on way to Gulf as questions on financial claims mount

BP plans to bring in an oil-burning device and a tanker from the North Sea as it tries to contain the crude spewing into the Gulf of Mexico, a disaster creating headaches for people who make money off the sea and those processing their claims of financial loss.

The current containment system is catching 630,000 gallons of oil daily, U.S. Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said at a news briefing in Washington. Officials had previously cited that figure as the system's general capacity, but Allen said officials now believe it can handle 756,000 gallons.

Even so, there's still more oil eluding capture. BP is bringing in a second vessel that will increase capacity, as well as the North Sea shuttle tanker, which will assist in the transport of the oil, and a device that will burn off some of it. The company previously said it plans to switch out the current containment cap with a slightly larger one that will seal better and trap more oil.

The U.S. government is also keeping an eye on how BP is reimbursing people for their losses. Allen has written to BP CEO Tony Hayward demanding "more detail and openness" about how the company is handling mounting damage claims, reminding the beleaguered executive that his company "is accountable to the American public for the economic loss caused by the oil spill." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India **Rally for Bhopal**

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A boy holds a poster reading "Bhopal gas disaster ... shame" during a rally demanding more rehabilitation for those affected by the 1984 Bhopal gas leak, in Calcutta yesterday. A court this week convicted seven former senior employees of Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary of death by negligence for their roles in the world's worst industrial disaster, which killed as many as 15,000 people.

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Help! She needs somebody

OHIO A woman spent three days in jail for calling the police emergency line five times seeking a husband.

The dispatcher was flabbergasted by the requests and asked Audrey Scott, of Alliance, Ohio: "You need to get a husband?" The 57-year-old Scott responded, "Yes."

Told that she could face arrest for misusing the emergency call line, Scott responded, "Let's do it."

Scott was convicted last week of improper use of the emergency system and was sentenced to the three days in jail, which she had already served since her arrest, according to The Review newspaper. Seven other days were suspended if she stays out of trouble for a year. After her release, Scott blamed the case on alcohol. There is no phone listing for Scott, who could not be reached for additional comment yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

News in brief

BOSNIA Experts say a truck driver discovered a wartime mass grave in eastern Bosnia after dumping gravel at a construction site and seeing human bones in the pile. Prosecutor Emir Ibrahimovic said yesterday the driver reported his finding in May and led authorities to the site near the town of Bratunac. Since then, witnesses have come forward saying that a significant number of Muslims killed after Serb forces took control of Bratunac at the beginning of Bosnia's 1992-95 war were secretly buried in gravel pit. A team of forensic experts started excavations yesterday and by noon found the remains of at least five people. In eastern Bosnia, Serb forces often expelled or killed the Muslim population of towns and villages they gained control over, a policy called ethnic cleansing.

RENDITION Europe's human rights chief yesterday accused European countries of avoiding tough investigations into the treatment of suspected terrorists because they do not want to rock relations with the United States. Thomas Hammarberg praised Britain for authorizing an inquiry into allegations that British officials aided and abetted the mistreatment of suspects held by the United States, Pakistan and others through CIA rendition flights during the Bush administration. But, he said other European governments, including in Sweden, Macedonia, Romania, Lithuania and Poland, are making only feeble attempts to shed light on the program that flew alleged terrorists to countries that allowed harsh interrogation techniques. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lawmakers call for release of Tamil prisoners

Ethnic Tamil lawmakers urged Sri Lanka's government to free innocent people detained for months without trial over alleged links to the defeated Tamil Tiger rebels.

Nearly 10,000 people are in government custody after Sri Lankan forces crushed the rebels last year and ended the island nation's 25-year civil war. The government says the detainees are being rehabilitated.

Rajavarothayam Sambanthan, leader of the Tamil National Alliance, pressed for a general amnesty to be granted for people not facing "serious" charges and for those held without evidence against them to be freed.

"We would urge the government to take early action to ensure that everyone who can be released, be released," Sambanthan told reporters. "They must not be kept in custody purely on suspicion."

The issue of innocent people being detained for alleged ties to the Tigers is included in a report prepared by Tamil lawmakers on the plight of civilians caught up in the bloody civil war, said Sambanthan.

Battle

- The rebels battled government forces from 1983 to 2009.

According to UN estimates, between 80,000-100,000 people were killed in the violence, but human rights groups say the actual number could be much higher, with thousands of civilians dying in the final months of the conflict.

The lawmakers' report was handed over to President Mahinda Rajapaksa at a meeting Monday, Sambanthan said. At the meeting, Rajapaksa promised a political solution to the protracted ethnic conflict, his office said.

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Belgium **Raising awareness**

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Christians from different nationalities march yesterday in Brussels, Belgium. The march took place in an attempt to raise awareness about attacks in Iraq against Christians.

U.S. pushes for reform in Belarus

SANCTIONS The United States has extended sanctions against Belarus aimed at pressuring democratic change.

The White House said the sanctions target specific officials and citizens who have undermined democratic institutions, committed human rights abuses or benefited from corruption.

A statement released Tuesday acknowledged the 2008 release of political prisoners by Minsk. But it added that "serious challenges remain."

An executive order by President Barack Obama extends the sanctions for one year.

Belarusian Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Savinykh denounced the U.S. sanctions as "useless and confrontational." He said Belarus considers lifting the sanctions a key condition for improving relations with Washington.

Belarus' first post-Soviet leader, Stanislav Shushkevich, said the U.S. move would make it more difficult for President Alexander Lukashenko to win concessions from the Kremlin by threatening to forge closer ties with the West if Russia refused to maintain subsidies for Belarus' Soviet-style economy.

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Man wanted for genocide arrested

A Norwegian lawyer says a man wanted by Interpol for participating in the Rwandan genocide has been arrested in Norway. Lars Moerk says his client, Charles Bandora, was arrested Tuesday while travelling on a fake Malawian passport. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tensions rise after second migrant death in the U.S.

Mexicans are seething over the second death of a countryman at the hands of U.S. Border Patrol agents in two weeks, a shooting near downtown El Paso that is threatening to escalate tensions over migrant issues.

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An unidentified relative shows a photo of Sergio Adrian Hernandez Huereka, 15, outside his mother's home yesterday in the northern border city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. A U.S. Border Patrol agent fatally shot Hernandez Monday.

U.S. authorities said Tuesday a Border Patrol agent was defending himself and colleagues when he fatally shot the 15-year-old as officers came under a barrage of big stones while trying to detain illegal immigrants on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande. About 30 relatives and friends gathered late Tuesday to mourn Sergio Adrian Hernandez Huereka, who died Monday on the Mexican side of the river border with Texas.

Preliminary reports on the incident indicated that U.S. officers on bicycle patrol "were assaulted with rocks by an unknown number of people," Border Patrol Special Operations Supervisor Ramiro Cordero said Tuesday.

"During the assault at least one agent discharged his firearm," he said. Mexican President Felipe Calderon said Tuesday his government "will use all resources available to protect the rights of Mexican migrants."

The government "reiterates its rejection to the disproportionate use of force on the part on U.S. authorities on the border with Mexico," the president added in a statement.

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Italy's largest union sets date for walkout

Italy's largest union has called a general strike this month to protest the government's 25-billion euro ($30 billion) cuts aimed at reducing the budget deficit.

The CGIL labour confederation says the austerity measures are unfair and hurt the weakest workers. The union said yesterday that it would stage a national strike June 25.

The walkout is planned to last a minimum of four hours for private employees and the whole day for public-sector workers.

The two other main unions are not expected to participate in the strike.

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Budget cuts

- Premier Silvio Berlusconi's government passed the measures after the Greek crisis last month, saying they are essential to restore confidence in the euro. The premier said Italy has been living beyond its means.

News in brief

MALFUNCTION South Korea's space program suffered a setback yesterday when the planned launch of a satellite was postponed due to malfunctioning firefighting equipment. The two-stage Naro rocket was supposed to blast off in the late afternoon carrying an observation satellite to study global warming and climate change. The process was halted, however, after fire retardant suddenly sprayed from three nozzles set up near the launch pad to extinguish any blaze, said a spokesman at the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. Cable news channel YTN showed white fire retardant spewing out and dozens of engineers checking the pad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More marriage trouble for the Gores
Another Gore marriage is on the ropes. The eldest daughter of Al and Tipper Gore, Karenna, has been separated from her husband, Andrew Schiff, for a couple months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climate treaty too 'simplistic'

World nations have no choice but to join forces to stop global warming, but achieving a legally binding treaty this year should not be the only focus, the new UN climate chief said yesterday.

Christiana Figueres said "governments will meet this challenge, for the simple reason that humanity must meet this challenge."

"We just don't have another option," said Figueres, who replaces Yvo de Boer next month as head of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

She said the emphasis on reaching a legally binding deal committing countries to specific emissions reductions targets, however, was misplaced.

Even if a treaty is agreed, it could never be final as science advances and sets new goals, she said.

"It is too simplistic to focus on: Do we have a legally binding treaty and if so by when," Figueres said. "I don't believe that we will ever have a final agreement on climate, certainly not in my lifetime."

Figueres was optimistic despite a lack of progress so far during a two-week climate conference in Bonn — the first full-fledged climate negotiations since the disappointing December summit in Copenhagen.

"... Humanity must meet this challenge."
Christiana Figueres

That lack of progress prompted her predecessor Monday to say he had given up on the idea of countries setting short-term goals to cut emissions sufficiently by 2020. De Boer said, however, that he did foresee adequate long-term targets because industrialized countries favour cutting emissions by 80 per cent by 2050, and developing countries have also pledged to contribute.

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Proclaimed **Philippine's new hope**

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Philippine President-elect Benigno Aquino III, centre, is jointly proclaimed by Senate president Juan Ponce Enrile, left, and House Speaker Prospero Nograles in a ceremony at the House of Representatives yesterday at Manila's Quezon city in the Philippines. The Philippine Congress proclaimed Aquino the country's new president amid high hopes he will fulfil his campaign promise to eliminate corruption and poverty and restore trust in government. Also shown are Aquino's sisters, from left, Pinky, Kris, Viel and Ballsy.

News in brief

RETURN Dozens of nations announced yesterday they would try harder to return real estate stolen by the Nazis, opening archives and processing claims for restitution faster. Forty-three countries backed the first set of global guidelines for returning the real estate to its rightful owners or heirs. The non-binding rules call for more transparency and speed in the processing of restitution claims for property stolen between 1933 and 1945. They also state that people claiming lost property should be given free access to all relevant local, regional and national archives. Before the Holocaust, Jews owned property in Europe that was worth up to $15 billion at the time, according to a 2007 study. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Friendships are vastly underrated

Relating

Friendship gets less glory and attention than other relationships. It's too easy, too steady and self-supporting. Maybe it works too well to be taken seriously.

The "friend zone" is shorthand for the second-rate vortex for where love affairs lacking mutuality or sexual chemistry go to die.

Male friendship in particular is sold short. It's entirely expected for you to say you love your kids, your country, friggin' hockey, but say that you love your buddy and an adolescent snickering can still be heard.

The bond with a friend, which Ralph Waldo Emerson lauded both as "one before whom I may think aloud" and one with whom "you can afford to be stupid," is often trivialized with awful words like "bromance." "I love you" must be followed by the neutralizing "man," and ideally shouldn't be delivered before the third round of drinks.

There's none of this pussyfooting in Christopher Hitchens' new memoir, Hitch 22, excerpted in this month's Vanity Fair, which contains warm, funny words about his decades of friendship with Martin Amis, who himself says, "My friendship with the Hitch has always been perfectly cloudless. It is a love whose month is ever May."

I've always been lucky with my friendships. Their quantity, quality and duration outstrip my due, not the least because I'm pretty rotten at keeping in touch. My emails are slow but sincere. My silences are unforgivably long.

But every reunion has a way of erasing the months or years that have passed. We pick up where we left off because we never really left off, and we can now burn each other all the better over retreating hair and spawning chins.

In June, as the summer's short supply of weekends begins to disappear into various commitments, I become, through the cruel limitations of time, an even less worthy, more diluted friend.

Visits with those whose schedules are the tightest, one stranded for long stretches in New Zealand, another serving in Afghanistan, get priority for practical reasons, but the triage is always insufficient. I'm always going to miss good times with my favourite people, and there's nothing to say about it but I love you (man.)

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Open letter to women of Sex And The City

FourthWave

Dear Carrie, Samantha, Miranda and Charlotte,

We fell out of touch for a few years, shortly before Sex And The City bit the dust in 2004. We all got pretty busy — I know people can change in six years, but it's like I don't even know you anymore ... Flying off to Abu Dhabi, joking about Lawrence of my Labia, drunkenly karaoke singing "I Am Woman," and meeting locals who throw off their black abayas to reveal fabulous designer gowns underneath.

Really? In parts of the U.A.E., it's legal for men to beat their wives, and women have been charged with illegal sex after reporting rape! Being Woman in Abu Dhabi is no all-expenses paid trip for the average gal.

You aren't the self-assured, sometimes neurotic, sharp-tongued, emotionally sensitive New Yorkers I once knew. You've turned into a four-headed beast that spews crass stereotypes and it's time for an intervention.

I want you to remember who you once were; I want the old Carrie, Samantha, Miranda and Charlotte back.

You're collectively the Freudian four-way dissection of the modern, Western woman — the romantic, the nymph, the workaholic, and the insecure ditz — which is what endears you to all of us. You are us.

The show is not without problems; you live in demographically monochromatic upper class Manhattan, and your problems (men, where to have drinks, the lineup for weekend brunch) are definitely first world. It's not feminist, but it has surprised me.

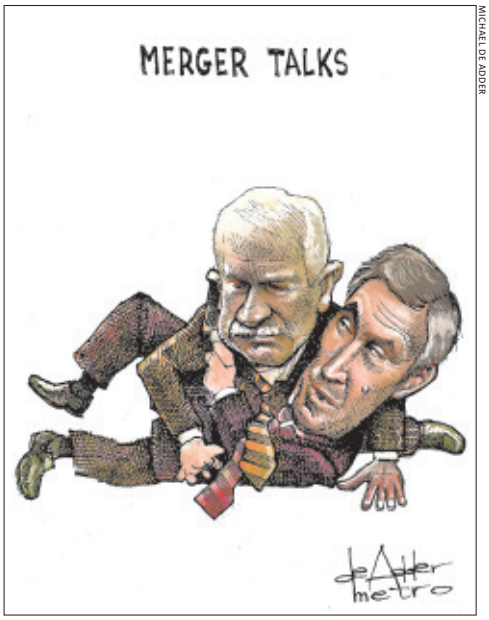
Consider the era that ushered you in: The show launched alongside the careers of underage, oversexed pop starlets. While Dubya was waging his abstinence-only education program, you guys were crude but frank about the realities of female sexuality, aging, workaholism and the concept of beauty.

Seen in the context of its time, SATC was groundbreaking.

Like muscle cars, explosions, Clint Eastwood and Steve McQueen are to men, your world was ours to escape to, 40 minutes at a time. Can't we just go back to all that? I miss you girls, I really do.

Yours always,
Canice

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.



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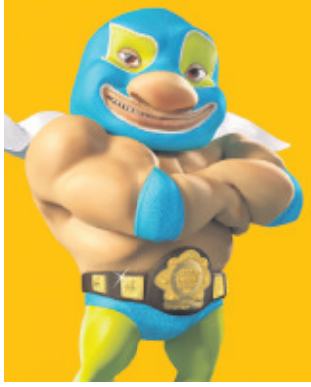

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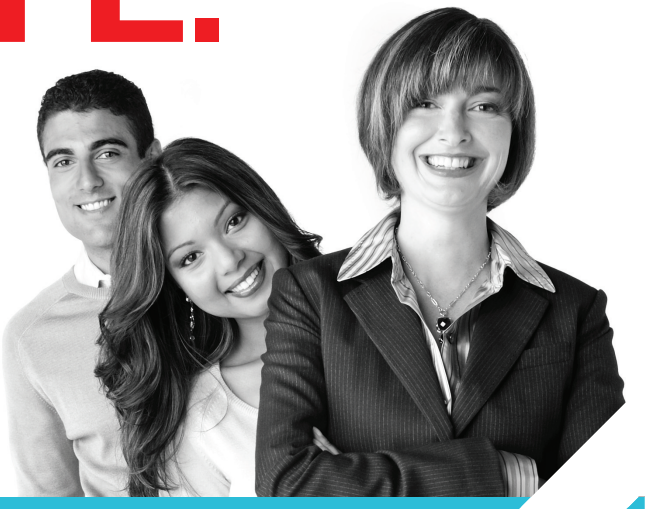

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Bank watchdog hears record complaints

More complaints were filed by consumers against Canada's financial industry last year than ever recorded before, the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments reports.

The national dispute resolution service says it opened 900 cases in 2009, a 48 per cent increase over the previous year.

That's more than triple the number of cases filed over the last three years, the ombudsman says.

He notes that recently more filings have been made against the investment industry, instead of the banks, driven partly by the global economic downturn, which ravaged stock markets. Ombudsman Douglas Melville said banking complaints often involved mortgage pre-payment penalties, lines of credit and fraud while on the investment side, the vast majority of cases were related to the suitability of investment advice.

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12,400 The Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments processed 12,400 individual inquiries from consumers and small businesses in 2009.

Superjumbos Emirates places $11.5B order

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Stewardess Nadine Schumacher works at the bar yesterday in the first class section of an Emirates Airline's Airbus A380 passenger plane during the International Air Show ILA at Schoenefeld airport in Berlin. The Dubai-based airline announced Tuesday it has ordered 32 more A380 superjumbo jets from European planemaker Airbus, bringing its total on order to 90. The new order signed Tuesday has a list price of $11.5 billion US.

Germany rejects aid for Opel unit

AUTOS German Economy Minister Rainer Bruederle says he has rejected a request for government aid by General Motors Co. for its Opel unit.

Opel is seeking loan guarantees totalling more than €1 billion ($1.25 billion) from Germany, where it has four plants.

A committee that examines requests for aid met yesterday but failed to reach a decision — punting the matter to Bruederle.

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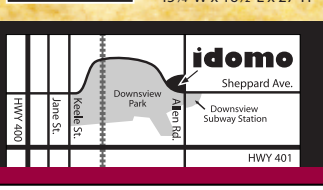

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Greece rejects default talk

Deficit down 40%, minister says

Greece is on track to meet its target of reducing the deficit this year, Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou said yesterday, dismissing any talk of his country defaulting on its debt as "ridiculous."

Papaconstantinou said data being published in the next few days shows Greece's deficit has fallen 40 per cent in the first five months of 2010.

Greece's estimated budget gap stood at 13.6 per cent of gross domestic product in 2009, and the government has pledged to reduce it to 8.1 per cent by the end of 2010.

"We are on target," Papaconstantinou told reporters, adding the reduction was achieved by increasing revenue by more than eight per cent and cutting government spending by more than 10 per cent.

13.6 Greece had to sharply raise its budget deficit estimate to 13.6 per cent from 3.7 per cent of gross domestic product in early 2009 after the new government revealed that budget data had been falsified.

Greece has been in recession for more than a year. First quarter figures by the statistical service yesterday showed output continued to shrink in the January-March period, dropping one per cent compared to the previous quarter. On the year, the contraction was 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product.

Greece's government debt woes have sparked a continentwide debt crisis and caused the euro to sink. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BMW sales rise on strong demand for new models
German car maker BMW says its unit sales were up 10.8 per cent on the year in May, driven by demand for new models. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Profits head down

Think-tank says firms will see modest drop

Canadian companies saw their profitability outlook weaken in May after a strong post-recession recovery, and will likely see a modest drop in the second half of the year, according to the Conference Board of Canada.

A leading indicator that tracks profits across Canada's various industries fell 0.4 percentage points from April, the second month in a row it has registered such a drop, the Ottawa-based think-tank said.

"The decline suggests that after experiencing a strong post-recession recovery, corporate profitability will weaken modestly in the second half of the year, as interest rates rise," the Conference Board said.

"The outlook for most industries remains positive, but their rates of profit growth are expected to slow."
Conference Board

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The survey covered 49 industries, 39 of which saw an increase in May, improved from 37 in the previous month.

Profit recovery among Canadian companies is expected to be "uneven" with volatility in commodity prices, currency exchange and interest rates hikes, which began earlier this month when the Bank of Canada raised its key lending rate from rock bottom to 0.5 per cent.

The Conference Board noted that indexes it tracks for Canada's most influential sectors, such as trucking and wholesale trade, are still showing strong growth.

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'Fox News North' coming to Canada?

MEDIA A new, all-news network directed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's former chief spokesman could soon be coming to Canadian living rooms.

Quebecor Media Inc., has filed an application for an English-language TV news network with the CRTC.

The application comes in concert with Quebecor's appointment of Kory Teneycke, Harper's former communications director, as vice-president of development. Teneycke, who left the Prime Minister's Office less than a year ago, has been given oversight of the QMI bureau in Ottawa, which covers parliamentary affairs for the Sun Media chain of newspapers.

He has been working on contract with Quebecor for months amid persistent reports of the development of a new, right-wing news channel modelled on the highly successful Fox News in the United States.

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Argentina's lineup seems set
Head coach Diego Maradona seems to have settled on starting strikers Carlos Tevez, Lionel Messi and Gonzalo Higuain for Argentina's World Cup opener against Nigeria on Sunday. Argentina is the favourite to win Group B, which also includes Greece and South Korea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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South Africa's time to shine

As World Cup arrives, nation revels in road from conflict to celebration

Soccer's stars have converged on South Africa from across the globe, but on the eve of the World Cup, it is the host nation — with all its flaws and all its wonders — that has seized the spotlight.

Crime is rampant, in shantytowns and posh suburbs. An HIV-AIDS epidemic rages. Yet the welcome for the world — from Cape Town to Soweto — couldn't be warmer, or more proud.

Blaring their plastic trumpets, or "vuvuzelas," and displaying their multi-coloured flag on their cars and their homes and themselves, South Africans are embracing this historic moment. It's by far their boldest foray onto the world stage since Nelson Mandela formally ended the apartheid era by winning the presidency in 1994.

"It has unified all South Africa," said Irvin Khoza, chairman of the local organizing committee. "It doesn't matter if you're black or white, or if you're close to the sport or not. Everybody in this country is wearing the flag."

The four-week, 32-team tournament opens Friday with South Africa's national squad — a longshot to bookmakers but a favourite to adoring local fans who call it Bafana Bafana — taking on Mexico at Soccer City, the 94,700-seat stadium rising amid old gold mines between Johannesburg and Soweto.

It will be the first time the world's most-watched sporting event is held anywhere in Africa, where soccer fever runs deep, and it takes place in a country that for decades was an international sports outcast, boycotted because of its racist policies.

LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES

Local children play football in the Khayelitsha Township yesterday in Cape Town, South Africa.

"It doesn't matter if you're black or white, or if you're close to the sport or not. Everybody in this country is wearing the flag." Irvin Khoza, organizer in South Africa

Brazil and Spain are the favourites to win the title. Other popular teams, according to a worldwide survey released this week by Nielsen Media Research, include former champions Argentina, England and Germany — along with the United States, which was picked to win by 46 per cent of North Americans.

Even enigmatic North Korea is here, its unheralded and longshot team qualifying for a World Cup for the first time since 1966 amid a flare-up of tension with its neighbour and fellow tournament entry, South Korea.

A few top stars are absent due to injury, but England's Wayne Rooney is here, as is Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo. Argentina has arguably the world's best player, Lionel Messi, and the most flamboyant coach, Diego Maradona.

Estimates vary as to how many foreign visitors will come — perhaps 350,000 or 400,000. When ticket sales lagged last month, organizers made more of them available to South Africans, and now nearly all have been purchased.

The pervasive mood seems to be exhilaration. Under a canopy of helium balloons, a euphoric, multiracial crowd greeted the mostly black national team yesterday when it appeared in Sandton — the heart of Johannesburg's privileged white suburbs.

Young South Africans are thrilled. Their elders share the excitement, with extra perspective.

Simon "Ox" Malhangu, who played pro soccer in the 1970s with the Soweto-based Moroka Swallows, was among many world-class stars who never got to play official international matches for his country because of a sports boycott imposed to protest apartheid.

"To be honest with you, we never thought we'd host such a tournament of this magnitude in our lifetime," Mahlangu, 58, said in a telephone interview. "We're counting ourselves lucky, as people now approaching their 60s, to be hosting such a great event."

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Coaches plan different paths to Cup glory

From dour Dunga to the downright eccentric Diego Maradona, the leading coaches at the World Cup are plotting different ways to win the title.

Brazil coach Dunga has upset millions of his countrymen by leaving big stars such as Ronaldinho, Alexandre Pato and Adriano out of a squad he believes needs stability to win a sixth World Cup.

One of the game's all time greats as a player, Maradona has stunned the soccer world by ignoring hugely experienced defenders Javier Zanetti and Esteban Cambiasso, who showed their top form by helping Inter Milan win the Champions League.

Dunga

England's Fabio Capello has a technique to get these millionaire stars to do what he wants, to behave smartly and respectfully even at their team hotel where cellphones and flip-flops are banned in public and the players dine together as a team.

"Capello instils fear, like a severe dad," England striker Wayne Rooney said of the England head coach. "He has explained to us how to do everything. He has made us more of a squad. He has worked above all on the tactics, now we can change them every match."

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Uruguay names starting team

Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez named his starting team yesterday for its World Cup opener against France. Defender Mauricio Victorino and midfielder Egidio Arevalo were the surprise picks for Friday's game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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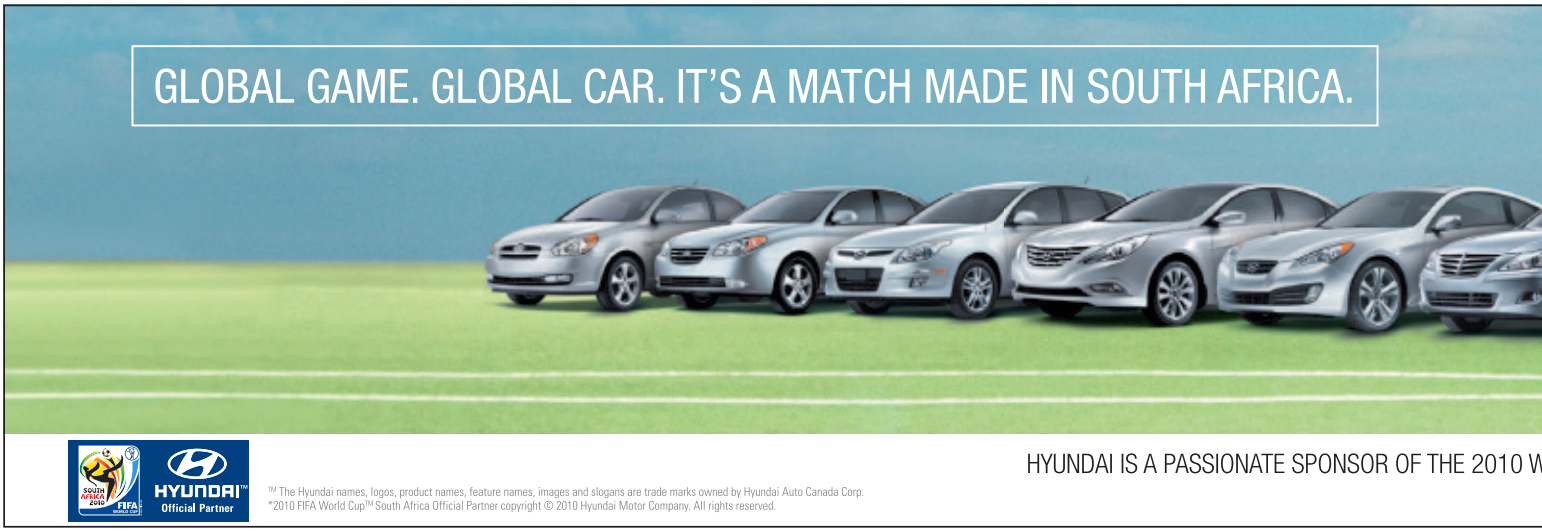
2010 WORLD CUP SCHEDULE

	GROUP MATCHES															ROUND OF 16					
	FRI JUNE 11	SAT JUNE 12	SUN JUNE 13	MON JUNE 14	TUE JUNE 15	WED JUNE 16	THU JUNE 17	FRI JUNE 18	SAT JUNE 19	SUN JUNE 20	MON JUNE 21	TUE JUNE 22	WED JUNE 23	THU JUNE 24	FRI JUNE 25	SAT JUNE 26	SUN JUNE 27	MON JUNE 28	TUE JUNE 29	WED JUNE 30	THU JULY 1
JOHANNESBURG Soccer City	16:00 RSA vs MEX			13:30 NED vs DEN			13:30 ARG vs KOR			20:30 BRA vs CIV			20:30 GHA vs GER				20:30 1B vs 2A (2)			REST DAYS
JOHANNESBURG Ellis Park		16:00 ARG vs NGA			20:30 BRA vs PRK			16:00 SVN vs USA			20:30 ESP vs HON			16:00 SVK vs ITA				20:30 1G vs 2H (7)			
NELSPRUIT Mbombela						13:30 HON vs CHI				16:00 ITA vs NZL			20:30 AUS vs SRB		16:00 PRK vs CIV						
RUSTENBURG Royal Bafokeng		20:30 ENG vs USA			13:30 NZL vs SVK				16:00 GHA vs AUS			16:00 MEX vs URU		20:30 DEN vs JPN		20:30 1C vs 2D (3)					
BLOEMFONTEIN Free State				16:00 JPN vs CMR			16:00 GRE vs NGA			13:30 SVK vs PAR		16:00 FRA vs RSA			20:30 SUI vs HON		16:00 1D vs 2C (4)			
CAPE TOWN Green Point	20:30 URU vs FRA			20:30 ITA vs PAR				20:30 ENG vs ALG			13:30 POR vs PRK			20:30 CMR vs NED					20:30 1H vs 2G (8)	
DURBAN Durban			20:30 GER vs AUS			16:00 ESP vs SUI			13:30 NED vs JPN			20:30 NGA vs KOR			16:00 POR vs BRA			16:00 1E vs 2F (5)		
POLOKWANE Peter Mokaba			13:30 ALG vs SVN				20:30 FRA vs MEX					20:30 GRE vs ARG		16:00 PAR vs NZL						
PORT ELIZABETH N. Mandela Bay		13:30 KOR vs GRE			16:00 CIV vs POR			13:30 GER vs SRB			16:00 CHI vs SUI		16:00 SVN vs ENG			16:00 1A vs 2B (1)				
TSHWANE Loftus Versfeld			16:00 SRB vs GHA			20:30 RSA vs URU			20:30 CMR vs DEN				16:00 USA vs ALG		20:30 CHI vs ESP				16:00 1F vs 2E (6)		

Match times are listed at the local time in South Africa. Time conversions are as follows: Halifax (– 5 hours) • Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal (– 6 hours) • Calgary & Edmonton (– 8 hours) • Vancouver (– 9 hours). Example: A game listed at 4pm local time would start at 11am in Halifax, 10am in Toronto, 8am in Calgary and 7am in Vancouver.



Swiss captain hurts ankle

Swiss captain Alex Frei injured his right ankle in training yesterday only hours before the squad heads to South Africa for the World Cup. Video footage on news website 20min.ch shows the FC Basel forward being treated on the pitch before limping off at Zurich's Letzigrund stadium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GROUPS

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
South Africa (RSA)	Argentina (ARG)	England (ENG)	Germany (GER)	Netherlands (NED)	Italy (ITA)	Brazil (BRA)	Spain (ESP)
Mexico (MEX)	Nigeria (NGA)	USA (USA)	Australia (AUS)	Denmark (DEN)	Paraguay (PAR)	Korea DPR (PRK)	Switzerland (SUI)
Uruguay (URU)	Korea Rep. (KOR)	Algeria (ALG)	Serbia (SRB)	Japan (JPN)	New Zealand (NZL)	Ivory Coast (CIV)	Honduras (HON)
France (FRA)	Greece (GRE)	Slovenia (SVN)	Ghana (GHA)	Cameroon (CMR)	Slovakia (SVK)	Portugal (POR)	Chile (CHI)

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20:30 1 vs 3 (A)		REST DAYS				REST DAYS			20:30 Winner I vs Winner II
	20:30 6 vs 8 (D)								
	16:00 2 vs 4 (B)			20:30 A vs C (I)					
					20:30 B vs D (II)				
16:00 5 vs 7 (c)								20:30 Loser I vs Loser II	

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Serbia allowed to switch training grounds

Serbia has been given permission by FIFA to switch training grounds after players complained the field could cause injuries. Defender Aleksandar Kolarov said that the pitch at the AW Muller Stadium in Johannesburg was so uneven players were worried they were going to get hurt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Team experienced, not old: Italy coach

CRITICS Marcello Lippi is getting tired of hearing that Italy's players are too old to win the World Cup again. And he doesn't appreciate the rampant skepticism over his squad — even back home.

Lippi lashed out at Italy's critics at his first chance upon landing in South Africa yesterday, pleading to at least give the team a chance to prove itself.

"Yes, we have old players, but with age comes charisma and the experience of playing in big games. I think we have the right mix of young and old players," Lippi said. "We have nine players from 2006 — that's less than 50 per cent. I've never seen any team that wins the World Cup show up four years later with 23 new players.

While Lippi has kept the likes of 36-year-old Fabio Cannavaro and 33-year-olds Gianluca Zambrotta and Mauro Camoranesi, he has also brought along three 23-year-old defenders — Salvatore Bocchetti, Leonardo Bonucci and Domenico Criscito.

Still, the new players have not proved themselves yet and most analysts are picking Brazil, Spain, Argentina and England as the favourites, with the defending champion hardly ever mentioned.

Criticizing the national team has become a sort of national sport in Italy over the past few weeks.

28 The average age of the Italian squad is 28 years nine months. Ghana is the youngest team, with an average age of 24.

"Whenever a World Cup comes around everyone wants to get in their say. Last time everyone joined in as we moved along, but this time we're not going to allow anyone to jump on the bandwagon," Lippi said.

With standout midfielder Andrea Pirlo likely to miss the entire group phase due to a left calf injury, Italy is without its most talented player.

"Single players don't win World Cups. Let's be clear. There are no longer any superstars in Italy, and it's not like anyone I left home would alter the skill aspect," added Lippi, who was criticized for not even considering talented but temperamental forwards Antonio Cassano and Mario Balotelli.

Lippi recalled that his team was very nervous before the 2006 opener with Ghana and didn't feel truly confident until its memorable extra-time win over Germany in the semifinals.

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Great expectations

For Ronaldo, it's time to start delivering goals at World Cup

The World Cup provides a global showcase for soccer's greatest forwards, and if Cristiano Ronaldo wants to reach the status of Pele and Diego Maradona, he must do something he hasn't done for 16 months — score a goal for Portugal.

The tournament in South Africa needs stars like Ronaldo and Argentina's Lionel Messi to produce their skills on the sport's biggest stage, to thrill the billions of spectators watching games on television worldwide.

That means FIFA's 2008 world player of the year will have to break a goal drought stretching back to a friendly game in February 2009, when he scored from the penalty spot against Finland.

In competitive matches, he has not found the net for Portugal since the 2008 European Championship.

"It's not a problem," the Real Madrid player said before the tournament. "I'm saving myself for the World Cup."

The time to deliver on that promise has come as Portugal readies for its June 15 opener against Ivory Coast.

Ronaldo has the ability to set a game alight, which is why Real Madrid paid Manchester United $118 million US for him a year ago.

The Portuguese forward's electrifying bursts of pace, his spellbinding footwork and blistering right-foot shots — which Manchester United fans nicknamed "Ronny rockets" — have brought crowds to their feet at Old Trafford and the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Injuries, though, have unsettled Ronaldo's international career. He played in just seven of Portugal's 12 World Cup qualifying matches and, in some games, he was still recovering from injury.

In 73 appearances since his 2003 debut, Ronaldo has scored 22 goals.

Still, Portuguese fans grumble that his inability to reproduce his club form at international level is partly to blame for Portugal's recent below-par performances, including a 0-0 draw against tiny Cape Verde last month.

In his last two seasons, at United and Madrid, he has scored more than 70 goals.

With winger Nani, Ronaldo's former teammate at Manchester United, ruled out of the World Cup due to a bruised collarbone, Portugal may need Ronaldo more than ever.

Portugal coach Carlos Queiroz has tried to ease the tension surrounding Ronaldo's goal-scoring difficulties. When asked about it last week he replied, in English, "Leave them kids alone."

"The more you leave the players in peace the more they'll score," he added.

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Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal takes part in a friendly match against Mozambique at Wanderers Stadium on Tuesday in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Plenty of fouls may be in the cards for U.S.-England game

REFEREE Carlos Simon went through cards with the speed of a Las Vegas dealer at the 2006 World Cup.

The Brazilian referee issued five yellows during Italy's 2-0 first-round victory over Ghana, handing the first to Danielle de Rossi 10 minutes in. He gave out eight more in Spain's 3-1 win over Tunisia, and added four yellows and a red to his total as Germany beat Sweden 2-0 in the second round.

He's been selected to officiate the big U.S.-England game at this year's World Cup on Saturday. Given that the English team and the American side are filled with Premier Leaguers, it could make for a match of attrition

"A foul in England is a foul," American goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann said. "In another country, they're wondering if it's a yellow card or a red card."

The U.S. had its own card-filled night at the last World Cup. In the 1-1 tie against Italy, the Americans went a man up when De Rossi was ejected by Uruguayan Jorge Larrionda in the 28th minute for an elbow that split Brian McBride's left cheek. Seventeen minutes later, the sides were evened when Pablo Mastroeni was ejected for a cleats-up tackle on Andrea Pirlo. American defender Eddie Pope was sent off two minutes into the second half for his second yellow, a tackle in which he got the ball first, then took down Alberto Gilardino.

World Cup matches generally are called tighter than league games, especially those in the wild, wild west of England.

"You go into a World Cup, you always want to have a little bit of sense of what FIFA has now chosen to clamp down on," American midfielder Michael Bradley said. "That will be something we think about."

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FIFA orders

- FIFA has tried to increase protection of goal-scorers, telling referees to give red cards for career-threatening fouls.

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World Cup Last-minute preparations

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Team Italy trains yesterday in Centurion, South Africa, ahead of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The tournament officially opens Friday with a match in Johannesburg between South Africa and Mexico.

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Have you bought your car flag? Tested the horn? Can your friends fit through the sunroof on your car?

With the bars being allowed to serve starting at 10 a.m., stocking up on some gum might not be a bad idea. Or you simply might ask yourself, do I have enough sick days to cover the hangovers?

All pertinent questions to ask yourself as you get ready for the month-long celebration in Toronto.

Here is a quick guide of the best places in the city to watch the World Cup:

Want to Watch England?

If you're downtown and pining to watch the Three Lions, head to either the Duke of Gloucester (649 Yonge St.) or Queen and Beaver (35 Elm St.) But if you're not in the core, why not join every expat south of Sudbury as they gather at Scallywags (11 St. Clair Ave. W) to watch Wayne Rooney and the lot take on the U.S. this Saturday. With two floors and a rooftop patio covered with big-screen TVs, it's easily the best place in the city to watch England. Just don't be the wise guy who decides to cheer for America. You're likely to get bottled by someone whose father was a bricklayer.

Want to watch Brazil or Argentina?

If you want to see something funny, ask any Brazilian what they think of Argentina. The twisting of their face in disgust is worth the trip to either Rio 40 (1256 St. Clair W.) or Vivid (1067 St. Clair W.) Both Brazilians and Argentinians will be sharing venues for the competition, so you'll see plenty of flag waving and lots of singing. Argentina skipper Diego Maradona has promised to streak through the streets if he leads his country to a World Cup win. You can expect no less from the supporters along St. Clair.

Want to watch Italy?

There is no better place to watch Italy than Café Diplomatico (594 College St). Big screens line the patio, and the streets get flooded in celebration after a win. If the Dip is packed, mosey down the road a bit to Standard Pizza (667 College St.) — same crowd, different location. Both bars will be showing the non-Italian games throughout the World Cup, but save yourself some heckling and don't fly your colours on an Italian game day.

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FIFA World Cup

Twenty-four years since Canada's last appearance

It's been 24 years since Canada made it to the World Cup. Argentina's Lionel Messi, the reigning FIFA World Player of the Year, hadn't even been born when the Canadians went to work in Mexico on June 1, 1986.

The temperature was scorching and the air hung heavy with pollution the day they boarded the bus for a date with a French side that featured the likes of Michel Platini and Jean Tigana.

Canada's starting 11 was Paul Dolan, Bob Lenarduzzi, Bruce Wilson, Randy Ragan, Ian Bridge, Carl Valentine, Igor Vrablic, Mike Sweeney, Randy Samuel, Paul James and David Norman.

Nine of those are in the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame today, along with five other squad players.

Lenarduzzi, a young defender at the time, remembers the Mexican fans lining the road on the trip to the stadium in Leon. They held up fingers on their hand, giving predictions like 6-0, 7-0 even 10-0.

14 The 22-man Canadian roster had 14 players who were either born in B.C. or came through the provincial soccer system.

"We were being told we were going to get battered," Lenarduzzi, a former men's national team coach who is now president of Vancouver Whitecaps FC, said in a recent interview.

Fellow defender Bridge said instead of being intimidated the Canadians were anxious to prove themselves against the reigning European champions.

"To the public we were underdogs," said Bridge, a former Canadian women's coach who now guides the Victoria Highlanders of the United Soccer Leagues Premier Development League.

"To ourselves we were not an over-confident bunch, but a confident bunch. We had been together for many years."

Canada lost to France 1-0 on Jean-Pierre Papin's goal in the 79th minute.

"It was the highlight to begin with and then it was the disappointment," Lenarduzzi said of the loss. "We went in and gave up a goal (late) that resulted in us not getting a draw.

"We were that close."

And that was as close as Canada got to earning a point at the tournament. The team lost the next two games by 2-0 scores to Hungary and the Soviet Union.

Argentina would beat West Germany 3-2 in the final.

The 2010 World Cup opens Friday in South Africa.

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Accuser tells police she didn't try to fight Roethlisberger
The college student who accused Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger of sexually assaulting her said she didn't try to fight him off because he appeared to anger easily. The accuser's interview is among more than 50 audio and video recordings released yesterday by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Johnson to coach Nets

Avery Johnson, left, says he has agreed to become the coach of the New Jersey Nets, the NBA's worst team. Johnson said in a text message to The Associated Press he thinks the Nets will announce the deal today. Nets president and general manager Rod Thorn did not immediately respond when asked to comment on Johnson's text. In an earlier email to The Associated Press, he said he "will have something to say" Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rays lay another beating on Jays

MLB RESULTS

Blue Jays 1 **Ray** 10

VS

David Price became the AL's first nine-game winner, backed by three Tampa Bay home runs, and the Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 10-1 last night.

Dioner Navarro, Ben Zobrist and Carlos Pena hit solo shots for the Rays, who have won the first two games of a three-game set to take their ninth consecutive series from Toronto. Sean Rodriguez had three hits and three RBIs.

Price (9-2) allowed one run and four hits in six innings with five walks and four strikeouts. The lefthander has won all three of his starts this season against the Blue Jays, giving up three runs — one earned — over 23 innings.

Blue Jays right-hander Shaun Marcum (5-3) lasted just four innings, giving up seven runs and 10 hits. He entered 5-0 with a 1.41 ERA in six previous starts this season after a Toronto loss.

Navarro hit his first homer since Oct. 3 during a two-run fourth. Zobrist and Pena went deep on consecutive pitches from reliever Shawn Camp in the fifth.

After not allowing more than one home run in 15 straight games, the Blue Jays gave up two Tuesday and three yesterday.

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Chicago's wait is over

Overtime goal gives Blackhawks first Cup since 1961

(Chicago wins series 4-2)

Blackhawks 4 **Flyers** 3 (OT)

VS

There was no red light, just Blackhawks flying over the boards in celebration.

Sticks and helmets were thrown, scattered all over the ice and still no signal for a goal.

After a brief review, there was no dispute — the Chicago Blackhawks were the Stanley Cup champions.

Patrick Kane sneaked the puck past Michael Leighton 4:10 into overtime and stunned Philadelphia to lift the Blackhawks to a 4-3 overtime win in Game 6 last night for their first championship since 1961.

No one but the Blackhawks appeared to know what was going on for a few frozen moments. Kane and his linemates seemed the only players on the ice who knew the puck found the side of the net. The goal light never went on, but that didn't stop most of the Blackhawks from storming the ice and mobbing each other in celebration.

The review was short and Kane will go down as scoring one of the biggest winners in team history.

"I was just hoping to God it was just an actual goal," said captain Jonathan Toews, the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoff MVP. "They came back hard in the third and we just stuck with it."

Kane raised his arms right away and skated behind the net, knowing the goal was good. While the Flyers sat on the bench in stunned silence with confused looks, the Blackhawks began to celebrate in their own end around goaltender Antti Niemi.

"I knew it went in right away," Kane said. "What a feeling. I can't believe it. We just won the Stanley Cup. I can't believe this just happened ... It's something you dream about, scoring the final goal in the Stanley Cup finals."

Before reaching the group hug, Kane stooped to pick up some loose ice shavings — looking like a mischievous kid on Christmas ready to throw a snowball in the backyard.

"There's so many great things about winning a Stanley Cup. This is it," Toews said. "This is the best feeling you can ever get. I just can't believe it's happened."

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Chicago Blackhawks right-winger Patrick Kane jumps into the arms of goalie Antti Niemi last night after Kane scored the overtime winner to beat Philadelphia 4-3 and capture the Stanley Cup.

Sports in brief

NFL The NFL Players Association filed a complaint yesterday claiming the league deprived players of potential revenue when it re-negotiated its contracts with television networks. The complaint alleges the NFL structured the contracts so it would be guaranteed money even if there is a lockout in 2011 — while not maximizing revenue from other seasons when the league would have to share that income with players.

ESPN A former ESPN production assistant whose affair with broadcaster Steve Phillips led to their firings has filed a lawsuit against the sports network saying it defamed her. The lawsuit by 23-year-old Brooke Hundley, filed Tuesday in Stamford Superior Court, says ESPN defamed her by firing her based on false statements by Phillips and by claiming she had not fully co-operated with its investigation.

NHL The Phoenix Coyotes say they have re-signed left-wing Scottie Upshall to a one-year contract. Terms of the contract were not disclosed yesterday. The 26-year-old Upshall had a career-high 18 goals and 14 assists in 49 games for Phoenix before sustaining a season-ending knee injury on Jan. 28 against Calgary.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Chicago 4 Philadelphia 3 (OT)

NBA PLAYOFFS

TODAY'S GAME

L.A. Lakers at Boston, 9 p.m.

For more results visit metronews.ca/sports

Izzo contacted by Cavaliers

Michigan State's Tom Izzo told his team he has talked to the Cleveland Cavaliers about their coaching vacancy, imploring them to concentrate on their classes and workouts to get better on and off the court. Cavs general manager Chris Grant has confirmed the team has been in contact with Izzo and other candidates. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strasburg-mania a travelling show

Rookie's first road start boosting ticket sales in Cleveland

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Wearing an Elvis wig, Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg is covered in shaving cream Tuesday night after the Nationals defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 in Strasburg's major league debut. Strasburg struck out 14 and picked up the win.

Strasburg-mania has hit the road.

With rookie sensation Stephen Strasburg set to make his second major league start in Cleveland, the Indians, ranked last overall in attendance, sold more than 3,000 tickets yesterday for Sunday's game against the 21-year-old, who struck out 14 in his dazzling debut.

The Washington Nationals confirmed Strasburg will start Sunday at Progressive Field. On Tuesday, he dominated the Pittsburgh Pirates for seven innings in a 5-2 win before a standing-room-only crowd of 40,315 in the U.S. capital.

His appearance is giving a much-needed attendance bump to the Indians, who are in last place in the AL Central and only averaging 15,527 fans at home game. The team has sold 4,300 tickets since last week, when it appeared Strasburg would face Cleveland in his second game.

Strasburg's stop in Cleveland is expected to draw the Indians' second-largest crowd this season.

It will also include 91-year-old Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller, whose entrance into the majors as a 17-year-old in 1936 created a similar national stir.

Feller didn't seem overly excited to see Strasburg.

"Is he excited to see me? No," Feller said. "I'll be here. If he can throw 105 miles per hour, I'll tell him to throw his changeup at 102."

The Indians, who once had 455 consecutive home sellouts, were only sold out on opening day this season. Their second-biggest crowd was 25,531 in the 43,000-seat ballpark.

"It's creating a fan buzz around baseball," Indians spokesman Bob DiBiasio said, adding the team will provide a further update on ticket sales later.

"It's something we're excited about, to be able to play host to the young man's first road start."

Strasburg's 14 strikeouts are the most in a major league debut since J.R. Richard fanned 15 for Houston in 1971.

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Have a 'Strasburger'

- If it wasn't already clear that Stephen Strasburg is the Washington Nationals' biggest star, now he has his own burger. The Washington restaurant BGR: The Burger Joint, is creating the "Strasburger," a burger topped with a hot dog and smothered in aged Vermont cheddar cheese.

Fisher a friend and valued teammate to Lakers' Bryant

NBA Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher had a pretty productive relationship when they first came into the NBA together, winning three titles with the Los Angeles Lakers and forging a friendship that belied the differences in their personalities and their skills.

"It's not because our games are similar, it's not because of talent similarities or any of that," Fisher said yesterday after the Lakers practised for Game 4 of the NBA finals against the Boston Celtics.

Derek Fisher

Kobe Bryant

"It's just that we've experienced a lot of good and bad things together. Because we've been through those fires, we're just comfortable relying on each other, and I think he knows and I know that if anything in the world happened, if there was one person that would stand up and say, 'I'm here for you,' you know, it would go both ways."

A tough and emotional point guard with a history of clutch performances, Fisher made five baskets in the fourth quarter to lead the Lakers to a 91-84 victory over Boston Tuesday night and a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven NBA finals.

His signature play this time wasn't a long-distance heave — like the one he sank against San Antonio with 0.4 seconds left in 2004 — or a series of jumpers like those that turned things around in Game 4 of the finals against Orlando last year.

Instead, Fisher helped clinch the victory over Boston when he followed through on a breakaway layup before being flattened by three Celtics. Fisher, who's 6-1 and 210 pounds, converted the three-point play to turn it into a seven-point game.

"He's very, very, very, very tough — mentally and physically," Bryant said. "He doesn't back down from anything or anyone."

Fisher played the first eight years of his career with the Lakers, winning three titles in the Shaq-and-Kobe era before signing with Golden State as a free agent in 2004.

It was only then that Bryant appreciated what kind of friend and teammate he had.

"Fish and I, we've always been close, though I think when he left we became even closer, as weird as that seems," Bryant said.

"Everything happens for a reason. It's kind of good to see him kind of come full circle and be back here again."

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NBA gets 'A' for diversity

REPORT The NBA still leads the way in sports diversity.

The NBA was again the only men's professional sports league to receive a combined "A" for race and gender in the annual report released yesterday by the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport.

The league had slight decreases for blacks in front-office positions from last year but is still the best among men's pro sports, according to the study.

"I think that our teams go for the best talent and it's a fact that if you don't have the widest possible pool, including women and minorities, then you're not going to have the best talent. And so for us it's quite natural and we're very proud of our teams and their talent search," NBA commissioner David Stern said.

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Race breakdown

- The study shows 77 per cent of the NBA players were black, 18 per cent white, three per cent Latino, one per cent Asian and one per cent "other." International players, after a steady rise in recent years, stayed steady at 18 per cent.

Sports in brief

NFL Green Bay Packers cornerback Brandon Underwood is facing sexual assault claims made by two women following a weekend incident in Lake Delton. His attorney, Richard Kaiser, told The Associated Press and other media outlets that Underwood is the target of the investigation. Police cleared six of seven Packers players of wrongdoing but have not revealed the identity of the seventh player.

COURT Prosecutors say the sex assault case against football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor has not yet gone before a grand jury. The office of Rockland County District Attorney Thomas Zugibe said yesterday that Taylor's next court appearance has been postponed from today to June 24.

AUCTION The black Mizuno bat Pete Rose used for his final, record hit — No. 4,256 — is being auctioned by a New York firm that expects it to become one of the most expensive bats ever sold. The 34-inch, 32-ounce bat is the featured item in a collection being sold through Lelands.com. Rose is baseball's all-time hits leader.

CURLING From her selection as one of Canada's most beautiful people to an invitation to curl against men, Cheryl Bernard is amazed at what keeps coming around the corner at her after the Olympic Games. The latest is her team's inclusion in the $100,000 TSN Curling Skins Game next January in Rama, Ont.

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Cubs place Ramirez on DL

Struggling Chicago Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez was placed on the 15-day disabled list yesterday to rest his ailing left thumb in the midst of his season-long slump. It's the latest blow in a disappointing year for Ramirez, who has hit .168 with five homers and 22 RBIs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHLers raise more than $1M for Haiti

Dan Hamhuis was aware of the devastation in Haiti long before he got on a plane bound for the country. But that didn't keep the Nashville Predators defenceman from having his eyes opened once he arrived.

"I've seen a lot of the video and pictures before coming here — we've all seen it on the TV," Hamhuis said from the Haitian capital Port-au-Prince. "I don't think it really hits home or sinks in until you see it in person. It's kind of what it was for me. Where we grow up and where we live, it seems distant from us.

"But when you're here, it's real."

Hamhuis joined Haitian-Canadian NHLer Georges Laraque and staff members of the NHL Players' Association and World Vision Canada to announce yesterday that the union's Hockey for Haiti initiative had raised more than $1 million.

The money will help rebuild Grace Children's Hospital, which was badly damaged in the massive Jan. 12 earthquake that killed more than 230,000 people. Hamhuis and Laraque were given a tour of the hospital's temporary facility on Monday and saw just how badly the donation was needed.

"Even the existing buildings that are still standing, in North American standards they'd certainly probably be condemned," said Hamhuis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nadal Business as usual

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Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot during his second round match against Brazil's Marcos Daniel at the AEGON Championships at Queen's Club yesterday in London. Nadal, who had a bye in the first round, won by 6-2, 6-2.

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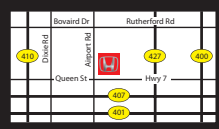

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While both neighbourhoods started with similar immigrant roots, they've grown into two distinct entities that still share the same spark of vitality.

Kensington is famous city-wide for its hip market stalls and under-the-radar cafés and still pulsates with artists and immigrants strolling through its narrow, old-world streets while Little Italy has become a haven for young professionals looking to enjoy trendy nightlife or start families of their own.

The entire area — from Spadina to Ossington avenues sandwiched between College and Dundas streets — is renowned for being the type of place Torontonians flock to and for good reason; cultural cachet is high and unique offerings abound.

Average property value: Kensington–$361,066, Little Italy–$485,954

Rent: Kensington–$892, Little Italy–$1,064

Homes you'll see: Both neighbourhood feature mostly Victorian homes particularly from the late 1800s and early 1900s, in widely varying states of repair from run-down to fully renovated.

Bargain spot: Kensington can be cheaper simply because real fixer-upper opportunities exist close to the market, while Little Italy tends to have higher prices because many homes have already been renovated — although the occasional opportunity can arise if you have the money to spend on an expensive re-do.

Landmarks: Kensington Market in 2006 was designated a National Historic Site and is one of Toronto's best-known and oldest markets with narrow streets best traversed on foot or bicycle and plenty of throwback-style open-air stalls that make the place a haggler's delight. Canada's first multicultural radio station, CHIN, was started in 1966 and sits at its expanded location at 622 College St.

Hot spots: Famous independent bookstore This Ain't the Rosedale Library (86 Nassau St.) always has something unique on its shelves while Paul's Boutique (2 Nassau St.) is a guitarist's haven with walls of vintage equipment to buy. Greasy and glorious, Sneaky Dee's (431 College St.) always draws a chilled-out crowd of college kids and after-hours professionals for drinks, guacamole and live bands on the upper stage. Cafe Diplomatico (594 College St.) offers the quintessential Little Italy patio experience. The Orbit Room (580A College St.) is a cool music venue co-founded by rocker Alex Lifeson of the band Rush that features underground bands.

Education: Central Commerce CI (570 Shaw St.), Dewson Street Junior PS (65 Concord Ave.), Clinton Street Junior PS (460 Manning Ave.), St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School (80 Clinton St.), Montrose Junior PS (301 Montrose Ave.)

Getting around: TTC Streetcar service along College and Dundas streets and Spadina Avenue. Bloor subway line access to the north at Spadina, Bathurst, Christie and Ossington stations.

Final thoughts: It's hard to find a place with more tangible charm although homes in the area, even fixer-uppers, won't come particularly cheap, but the area's mixture of restaurants, bars, cafés, antique stores and nightclubs is tough to beat for sure. If you haven't had a late night at one of the numerous night spots along College Street West, you probably haven't been partying with the right people.

Legend

- 1: Dewson Street Junior Public School (65 Concord Ave.)
- 2: Fred Hamilton Park
- 3: Central Commerce CI (570 Shaw St.)
- 4: Little Italy
- 5: Montrose Junior Public School (301 Montrose Ave.)
- 6: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School (80 Clinton St.)
- 7: Café Diplomatico
- 8: Clinton Street Junior Public School (460 Manning Ave.)
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Little Italy: Frenetic yet homey

Spaces & **Places**

PAULINE ANDERSON
for Metro Canada

For students Maddie Taurins and Mara Da Costa Reis, living in Little Italy puts them in the heart of one of the city's most vibrant downtown scenes. "There's always something going on," says Maddie, who grew up in the area and now lives with Mara and another roommate in an apartment just south of the hot College Street strip.

PHOTOS: NICHOLAS JESTADT/FOR METRO CANADA

Students Maddie Taurins and Mara Da Costa Reis say "there's always something going on in" Little Italy.

For music lovers like Maddie and Mara, both 19, Soundscapes is the place to buy a new CD, nab tickets to a concert such as La Roux at The Guvernment, or even catch groups like Broken Social Scene playing right in the store. For all things literary, they may wander across the street to Balfour Books, and for second-run indie flicks, there's the historic Royal Cinema.

Like many young people, Maddie, a fashion communications student at Ryerson, and Mara, who is completing a general arts degree at U of T, love to people-watch and College Street is the ideal place for this — either while waiting in long restaurant lineups or seated at tables out front. A favourite haunt is the Café Diplomatico (or The Dip) where the girls may sit outside on a warm evening sipping sangria and nibbling potato puffs. "It's got the best patio and it's cheap and homey," says Maddie.

But the best bar by far to meet friends for drinks is Souz Dal with its cool atmosphere, says Mara. "It's got little candles on the tables and we love the $3 drink nights on Wednesdays."

A good place or a quick take-out meal is Utopia, where the burgers and fries are reasonably priced, says Maddie, the only meat-eater in the household. And just around the corner from their abode is Bitondo pizzeria — one of the best deals around at $3 a slice.

Their absolute favorite restaurant, though, is Musa on nearby Dundas Street. "It has an amazing weekend brunch," says Maddie, who typically orders the egg and cheese sandwich on halla bread with fries.

Amid the hip restaurants and youth-centred stores, including American Apparel, College Street has at least four gourmet ice cream parlours, again a favorite meeting place for students and young professionals.

But Little Italy is more than chic eateries and trendy bars. Within a stretch of six or so blocks, the girls have every amenity at their fingertips — the one-stop Splish Splash dry cleaning, laundromat and convenience store, Metro supermarket, Magnolia Fine Foods and Grace meat market, to name a few.

Despite the noisy and seemingly endless nightlife — or perhaps because of it — the girls feel right at home. "I never feel lonely or unsafe," says Maddie. "Even walking home late at night, I usually run into someone I know."

Maddie Taurins and Mara Da Costa Reis' favourite haunts in Little Italy include: Splish Splash laundromat/store for its convenience (from top); Café Diplomatico for snacks and the patio; Soundscapes for music and Souz Dal for cheap drinks and atmosphere.

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Market Wharf: Against the grain

Suite Talk

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Trendy designs often impress with gimmicks, but they also age quickly. That's why Market Wharf, located near the St. Lawrence Market, demonstrates the power of tasteful modernity instead.

Market Wharf's director of interior design and marketing Craig Taylor says the goal of the overall design at the development was not to chase trends but to create them.

"We really tried to stay away from flashy, trendy designs and just give our purchasers something that's simple, elegant and modern. Flashy designs date very easily so we wanted to provide a product that endures with time," Taylor said.

When it comes to commanding a space, kitchens are king and Market Wharf's kitchen area shows off a few unique, modern twists with quartz countertops, dark cabinetry with horizontal wood grain, a full-sized stainless steel vent hood over the stove, an undermount sink and a European-style fridge that is tall and sleek instead of the usual chubby food box standard in so many condos.

At market Wharf, the kitchen and bathroom in its suites share the horizontal wood grain design on the cabinetry.

"One of my pet peeves is short, fat North American fridges. We've gone with a European, extra tall, true counter-depth fridge with a full depth gable on both sides. It's not something you typically see in Toronto — this is just another way for us to up the ante," Taylor said.

The kitchen floor brightens up the space with large porcelain tiles than can be extended throughout the entire apartment should the purchaser request it to expand the look of the suite, though a hardwood finish for the suite is also available.

"Every time you break up the flooring material it makes the space smaller, the porcelain really opens up the space. You're always fighting for every square inch downtown so anything we can do to enlarge the space, we'll do," Taylor said.

In the bathroom, elements like an oversize custom frame mirror, undermount sink and wall tiling that extends beyond the shower to take over an entire feature wall create a look that inspires with its attention to detail rather than gimmicky tricks. The cabinetry is identical to that used in the kitchen to add to the unified feel of the suite and project closeness instead of the typical modern detachment.

"We wanted to provide a very modern, clean hotel spa-style bathroom that keeps to a modern warmth but is still elegant," Taylor said.

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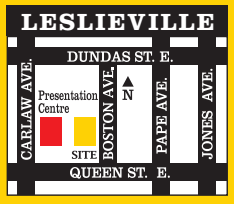

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for Metro Canada

Mix up some colour co-ordination this summer by bringing a dose of the outside inside.

Sky blues, grassy greens and sunshine yellows — this is the time to go bold with colour, whether straight up, or in pretty patterns or flirty florals.

Sebastien Fauteux, general merchandising manager for Urban Barn, said it's easy to freshen up an interior or for summer.

"A pop of colour really goes a long way," said Fauteux, in town recently from Vancouver. "Painting a wall can be overwhelming, but you don't have to go far."

He said iconic items shrouded in whimsy are popular this season, such as the colourful Buddhas at Urban Barn. The smiling statues give off a joyous vibe.

Legend has it that rubbing the Laughing Buddha's great belly can bring wealth, good luck and prosperity. Turquoise, pink or orange statues are 8" tall, Urban Barn, $37, urbanbarn.ca.

Splash some cheery colour in the bedroom with these distinctive 180 and 200 thread-count sheet sets or comforter sets ($25) or duvet sets ($29.88). Wal-Mart, $25, walmart.ca.

Left: The Boka Table Lamp is an update on mid-century modern design, with an appealing blend of curves and angles. Crate & Barrel, $229.95, crateandbarrel.ca. Right: Eye-catching, substantial square Brine Jars with lids are handcrafted of ceramic clay and finished in artisanal glazing. $59.95 and $79.95.

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If you have a basement...
To keep your house cool, close the door to the basement; this will help build-up the cool air and keep it on the main floor. KARL LOHNES/FOR METRO CANADA

Summer rule No. 1: Keep cool

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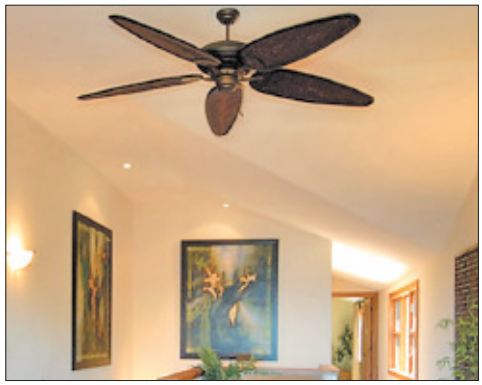

Left: Using cool colours like white and grey can keep a room looking and feeling cool, but installing a ceiling fan on an upper floor can actually help keep a house cool (right).

Decorated and ventilated properly, a house, apartment or condo can keep cool during the blazing days of summer without the need of having central air. Here are a few practical and decorative ways to keep things cool during the summer:

In your apartment: Install a window air conditioner. A small 10,000-15,000 unit will keep an area of 500-800 square feet cooled down. Use a floor standing fan to re-direct the cool air around the apartment. Check with your building management before purchasing and installing a window air conditioner as they may have regulations to follow.

Decorating ideas: Choose white blinds and/or a backing on drapes to reflect the sun's rays, and keep drapes closed when hot sun is pouring in; hang bamboo blinds outside to diffuse the hot sunlight that hits the windows.

In your basement apartment: Since cool air falls, you may not need an air conditioner however basements are often humid. Get a dehumidifier to take the water out of the air and the temperature will feel 5-10 degrees cooler; open windows once the outside temperature have dipped below the temperature inside.

Decorating ideas: Apply a frosted film on windows to create privacy but still allow as much light in as possible. Use an exhaust fan while showering allows steam and humidity to escape.

In your townhouse: If you have central air conditioning, close the vents on the main floor to force more air upstairs. As cold air falls, the lower levels will cool down. Use ceiling fans on upper floors to draw air upwards and keeping the cool air from falling. Use your bathroom exhaust fan on top floors to draw out the hot air and pull cool air up.

Decorating ideas: Decorate using light and airy colours like grey, blue and white on upper floors where its always warmer; the cooler it looks the cooler you will feel. Keep all south facing blinds and drapes closed during the day when the sun is the hottest. Rid all upper floors of heavy area carpets which can insulate the heat.

In your sprawled house: Use an attic fan to blow out hot air that has collected. Install air conditioners on south and east sides of the house; these are the two hottest areas. Plant tall shrubs and trees on the east and west side of the house to help diffuse the hot sun at the beginning and end of the day. Install awnings over the south-facing windows to cut the direct sun.

Decorating ideas: Use fabrics like cotton, linen and bamboo on furniture and bedding, tiled floors are cooler to the foot than carpeting.

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home; no matter what your budget or style.

'Cool' things

- Cool air falls; windows are to be opened only once the temperature outside becomes cooler than inside at night; use portable air conditioners to cool hot spots. Use UV film (or blinds) on south facing windows; a tub filled with room temperature water makes for a refreshing dip every few hours.

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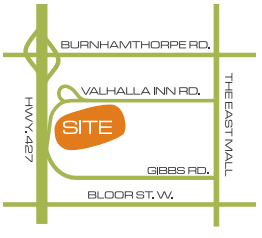

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Left: Brian Patrick Flynn mixes a 1960's mural and sofa and a 1970's shag rug. On the right Flynn brought retro style to his living room through texture, wood tone and grey grasscloth walls.

Tread carefully with distinctive retro style

Going retro has never been easier. Whether you love '50s space-age style, '20s art deco or design from any bygone era, vintage furniture and home accessories are everywhere today.

Flea markets and antiques shops are stocked with vintage treasures or trash, depending on your perspective. Yard sale season is in full swing, bringing Naugahyde recliners and vintage Tupperware into the daylight after decades of slumber in attics and garages. And at a slew of websites, from niche marketers to the catchall that is eBay, you can find real vintage pieces and endless reproductions.

But while it's simple to get your hands on decor from the past, it's more complicated to use it well.

"Doing retro right is all about balance," says designer Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of decordemon.com. "If you do everything from the same period, your space can become cliché or kitsch. What you mix retro with is what makes the space unique and updated."

We asked Flynn and L.A.-based interior designer Betsy Burnham for their favourite retro decorating techniques.

LESS REALLY IS MORE

"If you're really into the '50s, don't do the Formica table, and the jukebox, and an old radio, and five other things," Burnham says. Instead, choose just one or two evocative pieces. "Not only is it more tasteful, but I think it's more effective."

For a client who collects toys and action figures from the '80s, Burnham designed built-in shelves and suggested displaying only part of the collection at one time. "We found a way to have it enhance the space, and not have the space dictated by it," she says.

LIGHT THE WAY

Beyond buying furniture from a given era, you can infuse your home with vintage flair or temper retro furnishings with contemporary style through strategic use of light, pattern, colour and texture.

"George Nelson pendants are probably the most iconic form of mid-century pendant lighting, and they mix well with virtually anything," Flynn says. "Table lamps, especially chrome and ball 1970s style, add a nice element of postmodern sexiness to any room."

RESPECT THE ARCHITECTURE

These designers agree that while your home's interior design doesn't have to evoke the same era as the exterior, there should be some connection.

"One of my rules is to really understand the architecture and give that value, and take it inside with the interior design," Burnham says. "But you don't have to be literal. My house was built in 1927, and obviously I don't want to have a Victorian interior. I keep it classic, with a twist."

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And the professional design world has discovered cork as well. There are beautiful examples to be found in furniture and home accessories.

Cork is the outer bark of the cork oak tree, found in the Mediterranean and, in particular, Portugal, where more than half the world's cork comes from. The trees are a remarkable renewable resource; the bark can be harvested every nine or 10 years for the life of the tree — most live to about 200. A tree in its prime, at 80 years old, can yield 200 kilograms of cork. That's enough raw material to produce about 25,000 natural wine corks.

Cork is durable, lightweight, naturally insulating, fire and rot resistant, and has a soft, pliable quality. It can be shaved thin enough to be used as a fabric for anything from handbags to upholstery. In thicker forms, or layered over other materials, cork makes great furniture and building materials.

Philadelphia-based designer Michael Iannone uses the material artistically in a collection of striking sideboards. Geometric and nature motifs are coaxed out of differently coloured and textured cork.

"As a green furniture designer, I'm always looking for new materials to expand the range of sustainable materials that are available," Iannone says. "We've always incorporated graphics into our furniture line — cork fits the bill as a green material, and gives me a wide range of colours and finishes to create graphics with."

Vitra's smart stools appear at first glance to be wine corks for enormous bottles. They're light and portable, and would complement any decor.

MOMA's design store now features "Destination: Portugal," an exhibit of goods from that country's best designers. There are cork umbrellas, envelopes and stylish tableware.

Ferm Living has a charming set of cork placemats painted with a simple branch design, and a clever trivet fashioned out of little cork balls.

Branch Home, another retailer known for stocking eco-friendly yet design-savvy goods, offers a selection of cork trays, bowls and cutting boards in an array of sizes.

Target offers an attractive cork bath mat.

In home renovation, we're seeing more cork flooring. Warm, quiet and comfortable underfoot, cork floor tiles are available in many patterns and colours at a modest cost. Their resiliency makes them a popular choice for kitchens, bathrooms and family rooms. Check out Ecohaus's selection as well as Jelinek Cork Group.

For some great photographs and history about cork's production and use over the decades, go to the Jelinek's website as well as the Portuguese Cork Association's site.

Simple Forms Design, the studio of Portuguese designers Alzira Peixoto and Carlos Mendonca, won the 2008 REDDOT Design Award for their cork bath collection, which includes geometric laser cut mats, soap dishes and even washbasins.

"Despite being such a traditional material, cork can be employed in very innovative and unexpected ways," the pair wrote on their web page.

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Top: In this undated photo provided by APCOR, the Portuguese Cork Association shows workers as they harvest cork from a cork oak tree in Portugal. The trees are a remarkable renewable resource; the bark can be harvested every nine or 10 years for the life of the tree. Bottom: This photo shows Capri cork floor tiles. Warm, quiet and comfortable underfoot, cork floor tiles are available in many patterns and colours.

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Take steps now to end that basement leak

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz

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If you have a leaky basement, it's not the end of the world.

Water trickling into your basement through walls or up through the floor — while it's never good — may not be the kiss of death that you fear.

In fact, most home owners will experience, at some time or another, water leaking into their basements. If the leaking problem is severe or chronic, you should definitely contact a reputable expert. But if leaking is intermittent and not too severe, perhaps occurring only when it rains heavily, it's worthwhile investigating the cause of the problem because the solution may be simpler and less expensive than you think.

First of all, investigate the cause. If you've got leaking as a result of surface water that trickles down beside your foundations and seeps through your wall, remember that you can effectively direct surface water away from your home, and this may eliminate your occasionally wet basement.

For example, soil around homes typically sinks a little after construction because it's been disturbed and settles over time. This can lead to a little trough of water around your home.

Or check out your driveway, or your stone patio, especially if it butts up against your house. If it is sloped even slightly toward your home, guess where the water is flowing. Also inspect the state of the sealant between asphalt or patio and your foundation.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in decor and design. She's written for the TV show Arresting Design; sputz@arrestingdesign.com.

Leak tips

- Make sure all surfaces (soil, driveway, patio) adjacent to the foundation slope away from your house.
- Remove old, damaged sealant and re-seal.
- Repair any obvious cracks or breeches visible in the foundation.
- Make sure downspouts discharge at least 10 feet from your foundations.
- If a neighbour's downspout is the cause of water near your foundation, talk to them about relocating the flow-out of their downspout.

What can Boston teach us?

RooftopSurfing

Stephen Dupuis

metronews.ca/rooftopsurfing

Later this month, the Boston Bruins will have second pick in the NHL entry draft, which has absolutely nothing to do with condos except for the fact that whoever is drafted with the pick Toronto traded for Phil Kessel will face much higher housing costs in Boston than whomever gets drafted by the Maple Leafs.

Having just returned from a high-rise housing study tour of the Boston market, my top three takeaways are: It's a beautiful city, particularly the public spaces; the industry folks there are tremendously hospitable; and, it's very, very pricey.

What surprised me about the Boston condo market is that compared with Toronto's, it's very small. Of course every condo market looks small by comparison, but at less than 3,000 units (including rentals) in a good year and only about half that currently, it's not even a tenth of the size of ours.

Still, the BILD members that travelled there were warmly welcomed at six different condo buildings and toured dozens of model suites including an incomparable collection of seven models at the W-Residences called Inspired Concepts by DVC (Designers, Vendors and Contractors).

Despite the low levels of high-rise construction, or perhaps because of it, condos are very, very expensive in Boston on a cost per square foot basis. Combined with the fact that the average suite size in Boston is far larger than here, you would think you were buying the penthouse if all you knew was the price tag. Thankfully, we live in a very well supplied and fiercely competitive housing market, which has resulted in reasonably affordable housing.

The great thing about this and other housing study tours conducted by BILD is that we get an overview perspective from their local experts (with thanks to the folks from CB Richard Ellis and ADD Inc. Architecture) plus the opportunity to see different building and suite designs, not to mention features and finishes.

In Boston, we visited everything from a LEED-Gold certified building to an eighteenth century warehouse conversion/addition to luxury condos to the sleek and chic W-Residences. No doubt, some of the ideas our builders and designers gleaned from the tour will show up in pending projects here in Toronto, thankfully at our prices.

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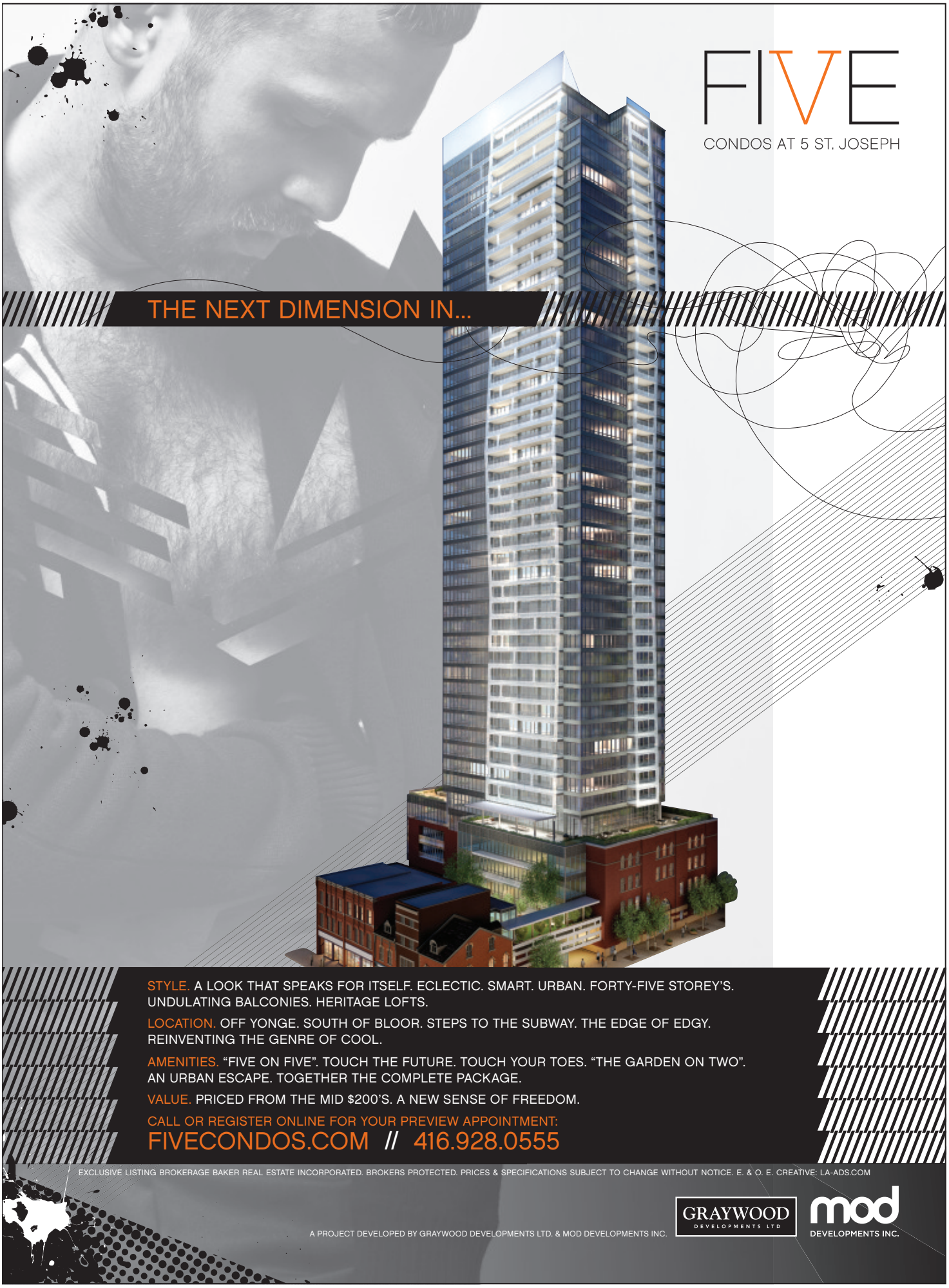
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Create a picture-perfect patio

As the weather gets nicer, there's nothing better than expanding your living space outdoors. And luckily, it's easy and affordable to create a comfortable and chic outdoor room. Use these quick tips to transform your space.

Simply putting furniture on a deck or patio doesn't create an inviting outdoor living area — instead, be sure to look at the bigger picture.

As you would an interior room, incorporate a theme and colour scheme into your new design.

Arrange the furniture so that it is inviting for you and your guests to socialize.

And, no need to buy new furniture to make your outdoor space look new. Instead, apply a fresh coat of stain or spray paint to your existing wood or metal furniture for a stylish and updated look.

Manufacturers, such as Krylon offer spray products, such as its exterior semi-transparent spray stain and Outdoor Spaces spray paint to make it quick and easy to makeover your patio.

Both are available in the latest colours, and best of all, they dry quickly, and provide superior protection against the outdoor elements.

Once your furniture is finished, add accessories. Layer colour and textures to give the space a pulled-together appearance; incorporate colourful placemats and an interesting centrepiece on your table to set it apart.

Place coordinating water-resistant pillows on seating to bring the comfort of indoor living outside.

And don't forget about under your feet; by adding an outdoor area rug or mat, you'll have a cohesive and stylish space.

One of the greatest parts of an outdoor living area is being able to include natural elements. Just like the indoors, nothing cheers up a room like strategically placed fresh flowers.

To keep your space functional and clutter-free, look for pots and planters that work with the overall layout of your space.

If you have a balcony or long railing, try using flower boxes that can affix to them.

Or, if you have the space for oversized pots and unique stands, simply place a few flowers in key spots to create a space that will make your neighbours green with envy.

In addition, to flowers, fresh herbs can be a fragrant, beautiful and useful addition to your patio — especially if you enjoy cooking. They are extremely easy to grow and care for, so add a few decorative herb pot to spice up the look of your patio — and your summer dishes.

Next, get cosy in your outdoor space by adding an outdoor fireplace or a fire pit to your patio.

Or, if you love to lounge, install a hammock to enjoy those lazy summer days.

Finally, don't forget about lighting. Stringing lights or lighting candles can make your patio seem magical at night and help create a great atmosphere when entertaining.

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Indoor-outdoor

- When updating your outdoor living space, remember to decorate like you would the indoors for a pulled-together, chic outdoor space.

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Taking a few step to beautify your patio can pay off in the long run.

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Summertime style: Outdoor havens

Nothing is more relaxing than a breath of fresh air, which is likely the reason why the lines between indoors and out have blurred immensely. More and more homeowners are moving their living rooms outside to well-appointed patios and decks, furnishing these spaces with all the comforts of their favourite indoor gathering spaces.

In fact, research shows homebuilders are now incorporating two- and three-sided outdoor rooms into home plans. Manufacturers, too, are addressing the trend by providing a wide array of products designed for outdoor living, giving homeowners nearly as many choices to decorate their outdoor living rooms as those inside their homes — including furniture, textiles, lighting, grills and even WiFi-enabled outdoor entertainment systems.

"Homeowners are spending as much time and effort on outdoor living projects as they do indoor decorating endeavours," notes Denise Patterson, product manager for Krylon, the nation's leader in spray paint. "With the summer season upon us, now's the time to freshen up outdoor living spaces and make them 'relaxation ready' for the warm months of fun."

One of the easiest and most inexpensive ways to spruce up an outdoor area is by refurbishing existing furniture and other pieces with spray paint. While you want furniture to look stylish, you also want something that is easy to clean and maintain, and holds up against the elements like rain, heat and sunlight. No one wants freshly painted furniture to fade, chip or rust before the season ends.

From wicker furniture and patio tables, to pottery and planters, Krylon's Outdoor Spaces line of spray finishes offers a wide range of durable, yet contemporary colours that can easily help you achieve sophisticated looks with the convenience of spray paint. Because homeowners are looking for more than just basic colours, they're available in several new, vibrant and exciting hues including poppy, ivy, ocean and sunlight.

Once your painting projects are complete, accent your bold colour choices with unique and interesting cushions and throw pillows made from stain- and mildew-resistant fabrics. Also keep in mind, your new furniture colours and coordinating cushions will "pop" and look brighter with the right kind of outdoor lighting. Depending on how you configure your outdoor living space, you can install lighted ceiling fans, environmentally friendly solar accent lighting to surrounding flowerbeds and even use portable lamps designed expressly for exterior use.

Living in the great outdoors wouldn't be complete if you didn't weave in natural elements such as fire and water. A grill and/or a fire pit and water features, such as a container pond, bird bath or waterfall planter further tie together the perfect combination of inside meets outside.

Additionally, portable patio heaters are a great way to let you enjoy your outdoor haven even when nights get chilly, allowing you to make the most of your space all season long.

And don't forget the entertainment. Outdoor-friendly systems exist for any budget — ranging from WiFi- or satellite-radio-enabled speaker systems for a little mood music, to high-end comprehensive systems that include plasma televisions and surround sound. All are designed to withstand any weather. NEWS CANADA

"Homeowners are spending as much time and effort on outdoor projects as they do indoor endeavours."
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Jacobs honoured at CFDAs

Marc Jacobs took home the big prize as the top talent in womenswear while a lifetime achievement award was presented to Michael Kors from Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour at the Council of Fashion Designers of America awards earlier this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Style

Posture-friendly footwear

Love your flip-flops but hate the back ache that sometimes follows their wear? Try OKA b.'s Shoes That Love You 2010 summer collection (shoesthatloveyou.com), featuring 100 per cent recyclable, waterproof footwear that offers ergonmic footbeds that guide arch support and promote good posture. The sandals come in a variety of colours and prints and are adorned with jewels, gemstones and/or flowers (all under $50). They also carry a new bridal line. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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High-fashion ambition

Top-earning Victoria's Secret model Doutzen Kroes likes her bread, body and bikini shoots

Doutzen Kroes might not fit the mould of a top model.

She's a jeans-and-T-shirt girl. She likes — and eats — bread. She wasn't discovered in a remote place by a famous scout or photographer. And at 25, she has curves that have kept her off a lot of high-fashion runways.

But somehow, none of that matters.

Kroes ranked No. 5 this year on the Forbes list of top-earning models. She's most recognized as a Victoria's Secret Angel, the brand's top tier of models, a spokeswoman for L'Oreal and the former face of Calvin Klein Eternity.

"My life has always been like I'm in a bubble and it's floating and it goes in the right direction," Kroes says. "I don't want to interrupt it."

It was Kroes, a Dutch native, who got the ball — or bubble — rolling. As a teenager, she saw a magazine photo of a model and she thought to herself, "She has beautiful hair, beautiful makeup, a beautiful dress, and I thought I'd like to look like that one day."

Her sister took photos and Kroes sent them off to a modelling agency in Amsterdam, a place she rarely visited as a self-described "country girl." Kroes' passion until then had been competitive speed skating.

Other than her sister, no one knew about her new high-fashion ambition.

"I didn't tell anybody that I sent the pictures because I'd be embarrassed if I didn't get the job," she says.

Apparently she didn't need to worry with her long blond hair, blue eyes and Brigitte Bardot look. She relocated to New York within a year.

Kroes has a "modern style," describes L'Oreal's international general manager Vianney Derville, who also says the model is "blessed with an excellent sense of professionalism and a natural elegance."

On most days, you'll still find her in jeans, T-shirt and flat shoes, but she likes stepping it up for a night out. At last month's Costume Institute Gala Benefit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Kroes was the date of designer Zac Posen, wearing a princess-worthy blue gown that they collaborated on. For the Cannes Film Festival a few days later, she wore a glamorous Grecian-style gown with a plunging neckline by Roberto Cavalli.

GETTY IMAGES

Doutzen Kroes (far right) attends Victoria's Secret Models Share Shopping Secrets Of A Supermodel event last month in Los Angeles with other supermodels.

"I am a totally healthy girl that eats but eats in moderation and I take care of myself"
Supermodel Doutzen Kroes

Earlier this week, she presented the popular-vote award at the Council of Fashion Designers of America Hollywood-style awards show.

Kroes is outspoken about her feminine, curvy figure and how it's cost her jobs. She was a panellist for the CFDA's round-table discussion about too-skinny models and says she hasn't done as much runway work as she'd like because she doesn't always fit the sample size.

"I have to work really hard. My body — I have a voluptuous body. I am not one of those skinny girls. I like to enjoy life," she says.

Her shape has served her well when it comes to Victoria's Secret. Still, in the lead-up to the big Victoria's Secret runway show she'll temporarily give up the bread, cheese and chocolate that she loves.

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Ackermann visits Toronto

Paris-based fashion designer Haider Ackermann staged his first runway show in North America at the ROM last week. He was invited by 119 Corbo, the Yorkville boutique known for its Euro chic labels and the only store in Toronto that carries his line. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The mandal returns

Lanvin spartan sandals, $598, lanvin.com

Asos toe-loop sandals, $43, asos.com

Acne Himalaya sandals, $329, acnestudios.com

METRO WORLD NEWS

Supermodel Kate Moss is one of many Topshop collaborators.

Topshop heading to Toronto

NEW RETAIL Topshop is crossing the Atlantic and dipping a toe into the Toronto market.

Downtown boutique Jonathan+Olivia will be setting up a Topshop store at its Ossington Avenue location selling items from the affordable British retail chain starting on June 19.

The Kate Moss collection and Topshop's makeup line are slated to be added in the fall.

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GETTY IMAGES

Thanks to a long stream of auctions and sales, shoppers have had many opportunities to snap up the late McQueen's clothing.

Selling McQueen

In fashion, death makes the cash register ring

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

Since his suicide death in February, fashion has served up many Alexander McQueen sales and auctions. But are they homages or attempt to cash in?

In the art world it has long been said that an artist isn't truly appreciated until after he or she dies. That's not necessarily the case in fashion where the industry's greatest icons have been celebrated in life and death (Coco Chanel, Christian Dior, and Yves Saint Laurent, for example) but it does seem that death does get the cash registers ringing.

When you look at each sale individually they all seem like poignant tributes to an insanely gifted artist.

But put them together and a more cynical writer might be reaching for the phrase "cashing in." Here's a breakdown of some of the many McQueen sales we've gotten wind of these past two months.

MARCH 12

• The super addictive sample-sale website Gilt Groupe has a much-buzzed-about bridal sale that features a few Alexander McQueen dresses. It seems like the perfect way to acquire some of his work after his death.

MARCH 29

• Through April 11, Housing Works, the popular chain of thrift shops in New York, hosts a tribute sale with more than 30 items of McQueen's work with proceeds going to an AIDS charity.

APRIL 7

• Gilt hosts an online sample-sale completely devoted to Alexander McQueen, featuring pieces from the previous season.

The prices roughly range from a few hundred to a few thousand U.S. dollars. The touching copy on the site talks about his "legacy of drama, artistry and the spirit of invention."

APRIL 20

• Gilt has another McQueen-related sale, this time with dresses and separates from his secondary line, McQ.

MAY 18

• Women's Wear Daily announces that Isabella Blow's sizable McQueen collection will be auctioned at Christie's in September.

Blow, who was one of McQueen's closest friends, helped give him his start by buying his entire graduation collection and paying him for it in small installments.

Her suicide was a major heartbreak for McQueen. Blow's sisters decided to sell most of her impressive wardrobe to pay off the late fashion editor's debts.

MAY 24

• Yet another McQueen sale on Gilt. The wording again refers to his "legacy" and the fact that his masterful pieces are "sure to be collectors, items."

Lots of tailoring this time around. McQueen fans bulking up their collections have plenty to pick from.

JUNE 4

• British Vogue reports that two dresses from McQueen's a/w '07 collection will go on sale in an auction at Bonhams, in London, later this month.

One dress, which was worn days after the designer's death to the Brit Awards is expected to fetch 12,000 - 18,000 euros.

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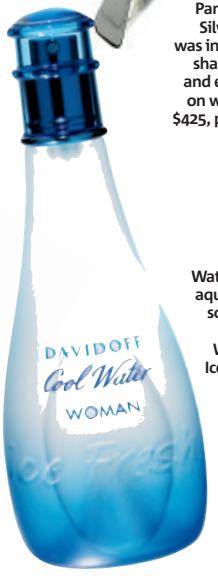
Ethereal summer style create a gentle yet elegant mood

Watercolour Be regatta-ready with this chic Sur les Rives du Léman vintage silk-twill scarf ($375, at Hermès stores across Canada).

Float on Plan a dreamy poolside escape in this draped, one-shouldered bandeau bikini by Zimmermann ($195, at net-a-porter.com).

Ripple effect Pandora's Liquid Silver collection was inspired by the shapes that light and energy create on water ($115 to $425, pandora.net).



Fresh start Watery violet and aquatic notes are softly twined in Davidoff Cool Water Woman Ice Fresh Eau de Toilette Spray ($59 for 100 mL, at drugstores and department stores).

Free time Set off a style wave with this diamond-encrusted ceramic watch by Rado ($3,000, at rado.com and Holt Renfrew).

Editors' Pick

FACETIME

With a slew of German socialites, celebrities and Spanish hottie Mónica Cruz lounging around him, Thomas Sabo is clearly in his element. And why not? The Austria-born, Germany-based jewellery designer is sipping champagne at a party in Munich to celebrate the launch of his second collection of watches (called Time for Adventures). The timepieces — which range from ultra-delicate to mega-bling — are a chic addition to Sabo's successful jewellery collections ($269 to $1,498, thomassabo.com).

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Swimwear made of tissue?

For an upcoming swimwear creation, Reyhan Sofraci is turning to bathroom tissue. The couture swimwear designer of Montreal's Aqua Di Lara label is taking part with Canadian designer Pat McDonagh in the White Cashmere Collection (slated for September). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retro summer look

+J uniqlo cardigan, $36, uniqlo.com

TREND The mix of feminine and masculine can give a summer outfit an unexpected edge.

It's a perfect look for a weekend lunch with friends. Try creating your own easy, retro summer look with a little floral print dress, rugged ankle booties and a breezy cardigan.

Here are a few items to get you started.

KENYA HUNT/ METRO WORLD NEWS

Alexander Wang handbag, $725, shopbop.com

Jeffrey Campbell ankle booties, $190, shopbop.com

Mango ojala dress, $80, mango.com

Designer Denis Gagnon.

Gagnon partners with Bedo

COLLABORATION Celebrated Canadian designer Denis Gagnon is joining forces with Bedo to create a special affordable collection for the Montreal retailer.

The collaboration sees the Montreal-based Gagnon and Bedo crafting a 30-piece collection stocked with everyday pieces, eveningwear and outerwear.

The line, Denis Gagnon pour Bedo, will include jersey dresses, draped tops, tuxedo pants, suit jackets, tanks, T-shirts, sweaters and wool coats among its wide array of pieces, which range in price from $30 to $300.

"What a great opportunity to create and refine the essential elements of a woman's wardrobe," Gagnon said in a statement. "We've made a full, versatile line of clothing that takes clients from the cafe and the office to the theatre and dinner club."

Bedo's founding president Peter Nasri said the retailer's collaboration with Gagnon is a "concrete way to move Canadian talent forward."

The fall 2010 collection will be available beginning Aug. 26 in 14 Bedo stores across the country.

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More MMVA presenters announced

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse stars Kellan Lutz, Ashley Greene, and Xavier Samuel will take a bite out of the MuchMusic Video Awards. They will hand out awards at the show, taking place Sunday, June 20. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Glee gig

TVGuide.com is reporting that John Stamos — who played a singer on Full House — will appear as a recurring character on the second season of Glee.

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Christina makes trashy return

Gord Downie finds new friends to play with and Grace Potter sings real rock 'n' roll

Christina **Aguilera**

Album: Bionic
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●●

THE "DIRRRTY" GIRL takes four years off to learn how to become a homebody wife and a nurturing mother, only to return to the recording studio to lay down trashy dance club hedonism like Sex For Breakfast, Morning Dessert, Elastic Love and a particularly flesh-filled track called Desnudate. These are fine for what they are, but isn't it time to leave the skank to young yelpers like Ke$ha? Christina's been there, done that. She's got a huge voice — as she proves here on one or two tracks here, most notably Lift Me Up. Maybe she should try putting that voice to better use.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Grace Potter and the Nocturnals

Album: The Grand Bounce
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●½

FINALLY, A FRESH voice that sings real rock 'n' roll. Forged in the patchouli pyres of the Vermont jamband scene, Grace Potter's vocal delivery is all about the kind of free-flying, eye-popping energy that set San Francisco afire in the '60s. And she's put together the perfect band to back her. No synths here, just plenty of old-style blues rock guitar to complement Potter's searing voice and keyboards. Comparisons, of course, will be made to Joplin. Not quite yet, but we're getting there.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Gord Downie and the Country Miracles

Album: The Grand Bounce
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●½

THIS IS A Gord Downie record that Tragically Hip fans will love. There's little of the mad-poet indulgences that dominated Downie's two previous efforts. This is an album full of attention-getting guitar riffs and accessible, if not-always comprehensible, lyrics. There's plenty of interesting vocal interplay with Julie Doiron throughout, and only occasionally does Downie slide into self indulgence (closing track Pinned, in particular). This entire project could have easily been the next Hip album. But if Downie needs some new faces to keep the creative flame alive, that's fine too.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Christina Aguilera lays down some trashy dance club hedonism on new album Bionic.

Blitzen **Trapper**

Album: Destroyer of the Void
Label: Sub Pop
Rating: ●●●½

ON BLITZEN TRAPPER'S fifth LP, the Portland, Ore., band pull out all the stops on the title track, a six-minute monster with three heads — psychedelic, glam and prog rock. They don't exactly blow their wad with it, but it's tough not to feel the descent from such an ELO-inspired high. Thankfully the comedown doesn't end up in the folkier terrain of 2008's Furr, as they adeptly explore a fusion of styles on Destroyer of the Void that evoke Ziggy Stardust and The Beatles as much as they do obvious influences like The Band or Wilco. Although nothing quite lives up to that opener, Blitzen Trapper succeed at diversifying with their grand gestures.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Tokyo Police **Club**

Album: Champ
Label: Dine Alone
Rating: ●●●½

IT WASN'T THAT long ago that Tokyo Police Club were the most talked about band in Toronto. Their frenetic rock not only won over the city's music establishment, but America's as well. The hype has subsided, and so has the band's boundless energy, but their talent has only matured. Like their previous record, the music is more toned down than their acclaimed EP, but unlike Elephant Shell, this isn't boring. They combine quirky keyboards with jangly blasts of guitar and mid-tempo, Ben Gibbard-ish indie rock. It's all pretty catchy — especially Bambi — and it's nice to see TPC back in their groove.

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Album**Reviews**

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Against **Me!**

Album: White Crosses
Label: Sire/Warner
Rating: ●●●½

IN 2007 AGAINST ME! got some flack for shedding their fiery punk sound for more straight ahead rock. Fortunately, the criticism didn't deter the group from staying on this new path. White Crosses starts off strong, with second track Teenage Rebellion a Clash-meets-Springsteen like blend. While the album seems to dismiss some of the band's idealistic punk roots, they clearly don't care. This one covers a lot of music ground, with Foo Fighters and Hold Steady influences popping up too.

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Holmes, Radcliffe among Tony presenters

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Humour heart of Rush

Rush: Beyond The **Lighted Stage**

Directors: Sam Dunn, Scott McFadyen
Classification: STC
Rating:

KAREN BLISS
for Metro Canada

Forty years in the same rock band and there's not an overdose, trashed hotel room or groupie scandal to speak of?

How on earth would directors Scot McFadyen and Sam Dunn make a film about Rush interesting to those who can't recite the lyrics to 2112? Is there something here beyond a typical rock doc? The answer, surprisingly, is yes.

The story doesn't start with the Toronto band's first album in 1974, but goes back to its members' upbringing, schooling, and motivation.

It's about three teenagers — one the son of Holocaust survivors, another of Yugoslavian immigrants — who were fiercely committed to music. All of them — singer-bassist-keyboardist Geddy Lee, guitarist Alex Lifeson and drummer Neil Peart knew what they wanted to do in life — rock out. And not in a slacker, excuse-to-avoid-adult-responsibilities way.

Through rare early footage of Rush playing high schools to "overreaching" sessions in the studio and more current live clips, one sees that Rush never wavered from this pursuit of musical excellence. The trio's progressive hard rock and cerebral lyrics with words you'd sometimes have to look up won millions of dedicated fans.

For the film, Trent Reznor, Billy Corgan, Jack Black, Foo Fighters' Taylor Hawkins, Metallica's Kirk Hammett and others gladly spoke of their love for the band, often quoting musical and lyrical passages. Black declares the members "not even human" at one point.

But despite the seriousness of Rush's music and work ethic, the film is filled with humour. The band members crack joke throughout, from their so-called Down The Tubes tour early in their career to their fashion choices (i.e. Lee's Asian robe phase).

It's the funny stuff that gives a glimpse into their personalities, how they have stayed together all this time, and why Beyond The Lighted Stage is not just a story about musicians.

Screen times

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Stiles on Dexter
Julia Stiles is joining the cast of Dexter for its next season, EW.com reports. The website says she will play a major role as a mysterious young woman who forms a bond with the title character. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Crunk up the volume

Hip hop, rock, Bolly-funk—Lil Jon's got them all

About five years ago, Lil Jon had a rocking vision for his next album, Crunk Rock.

The disc is still called that — but don't expect to hear endless electric guitar riffs over thumping drums.

Jon says the new album, out this week, went through many phases. Instead of producing the album himself, he recruited the likes of David Guetta, Stephen Marley, Drumma Boy and Dr. Luke. That added a new sound to the CD — including Euro-flavoured dance grooves and what he calls Bolly-funk.

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Lil Jon's album Crunk Rock, out this week, is a melting pot of genres.

Q You usually produce your own albums, so was it hard to have some of that control in another's hands?

A It was kind of way easier, because everybody I worked with knew my music and knew my production and they gave me a lot of respect. And we just kind of collaborated until we both got what we liked.

Q Lil Wayne's dabbled in rock music, and a while back Nelly mentioned doing a rock album. Why do think rappers are so interested in the rock genre?

A We all grew up on rock music. In the '80s, I remember the radio stations would play everything from rock to rap. And even if you go back to Run DMC, they said, "I'm the king of rock" because rock was the hardcore stuff. When you put the guitars on your music it makes it a little bit more harder (and) I think that's part of it. And then we all wanted to be rock stars in the early days. We wanted to be rap stars, but the rock stars had the crazy lifestyle. And for me, it was the energy of rock music. I grew up on punk music, too. I was into the Ramones, Bad Brains, all of that, when I was in high school.

Q Do you see more dance and hip-hop collaborations in the future?

A I think that's the future of music right now — DJs like Guetta and Tiesto collaborating with hip-hop artists, basically starting a new form of music. ... Right now house music is the biggest. If you go to a club that plays everything, that's what's going to take the club over the top. And I see a lot more collaborations with the dance guys and the hip-hop guys.

Q There are more and more music stars doing reality TV. Would you consider doing a show?

A I hate reality shows. It's funny because me and my wife be arguing all the time about reality shows 'cause she loves reality shows and watches them all day, all the time. And I be like, "C'mon. No. No." To me, I don't want people in my life like that.

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Shakira ready for World Cup

PERFORMANCE Pop star Shakira performed the African Waka Waka dance at a school in Soweto yesterday, as she prepared for her World Cup opening concert performance.

Shakira, 33, will sing the official World Cup anthem Waka Waka — Time for Africa. She will also perform at FIFA's Thursday Kickoff concert to mark the start of the tournament, which also features Alicia Keys, the Black Eyed Peas and others. The World Cup starts tomorrow.

"The World Cup is such an amazing event, I am honoured to be a part of this," Shakira said.

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James taking ex-wife to court

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A scene from Pier Paolo Pasolini's Teorema. The Cinematheque program kicked off with a retrospective of the famed Italian director 20 years ago.

20 years of summer cinema

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

It's been 20 years since TIFF Cinematheque (formerly Cinematheque Ontario) first opened its doors at Jackman Hall at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Kicking off in June 1990 with a retrospective of the Italian director Pier Paolo Pasolini — who, in a nice nod to history, will also be spotlighted during this summer's anniversary programme — the Cinematheque was conceived as a Torontonian version of similar institutions in Europe and the United States, and inherited its initial archive from the Ontario Film Institute.

From there, the staff — including programmer James Quandt, who had previously devised a number of successful film screening series at Harbourfront — worked to cultivate a loyal audience of cinephiles. It's a testament to their efforts that many of these initial patrons are still coming out to screenings — including a few who have been busy making movies of their own.

"I was there from the get-go," says Atom Egoyan, who adds that his preferred seat is front-row centre — for the legroom.

Asked to name his favourite Cinematheque experience, the director cites an early retrospective of the canonical French director Robert Bresson.

"It was a complete revelation," says Egoyan, "and perhaps too much of an influence on my work. I never went to film school, so to see these films projected, before they became available on VHS or DVD, was like my portal into film culture."

Not that Egoyan thinks that home viewing is any substitute for the theatrical experience: he's practically evangelical about the necessity for an optimum exhibition environment.

"Nobody would dare to take a call or send a text [here]. It's a place without distractions ... which just eviscerate the whole experience."

Egoyan's sentiments are echoed by filmmaker Ingrid Veninger, whose microbudget 2008 drama Only (co-directed by Simon Reynolds) is arguably one of the most charming Canadian features of recent years.

"My husband gives me a Cinematheque membership every Christmas, and then we plan our 'dates' for the next three months," says Veninger.

Canadian director Atom Egoyan has been a regular at the TIFF Cinematheque

Focus on Breillat

• One of the highlights of this summer's packed TIFF CInematheque lineup is the retrospective on the provocative French director Catherine Breillat, whose 2001 film Fat Girl was famously banned in Ontario. For screening and ticket information visit cinemathequeontario.ca

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Sass Jordan, Jully Black and Melanie Fiona in Luminato spotlight

The spotlight is on three Canadian Divas tomorrow night as Luminato, Toronto's Festival of Arts and Creativity, takes over Yonge-Dundas Square as part of the 10-day annual event.

Metro had a chance to catch up with Canadian Idol maven Sass Jordan, Juno winner Jully Black, and Grammy nominee Melanie Fiona — who are all performing at tomorrow night's free concert — to learn about Diva-hood.

Canadian singers Sass Jordan, from left, Jully Black and Melanie Fiona are all set to perform tomorrow night at Yong-Dundas Square as part of Luminato's Canadian Diva program.

What makes someone a diva?

JORDAN: A brilliant singing voice and an attitude to match.

BLACK: She doesn't give herself the label and often doesn't know that she is regarded as such. She simply is a woman who has vision and focuses on the possibilities and not the obstacles. She also has love for the Gay and Lesbian community.

FIONA: I think a Diva is a strong confident woman who "does what she does"... And does it well.

How would you describe a Canadian Diva?

JORDAN: Usually Canadian Divas have names that start with the letter "A," with the exception of Celine (Dion).

BLACK: She is quietly confident, very gracious and knows what she wants. She also doesn't live up to the negative stereotype of what society has made a Diva out to be. She dares to be her and nobody else. A Diva is a Diva no matter the region.

FIONA: We're the politest sassiest women around.

Do you have a Diva role model?

BLACK: My mother

FIONA: My manager Carmen ... She's totally the fiercest businesswoman, artist, mother, wife, and friend.

Is there a song you would shy away from singing?

JORDAN: Yes, a crappy one.

BLACK: Never! (A Diva) can make A.B.C.D sound like a Billboard No. 1 song.

FIONA: A true Diva doesn't shy away from any challenge.

What does a diva eat for breakfast?

JORDAN: The world.

BLACK: Egg whites with spinach and smoked salmon, and a bowl of strawberries, with warm water with lemon on the side.

FIONA: Confidence.

How many shoes does a diva have?

JORDAN: None, they always go barefoot

BLACK: Minimum one hundred pairs

FIONA: Never enough! Shoes and Diva go hand in hand.

How does a diva celebrate her birthday?

JORDAN: Diva's don't get older ... they get better...

BLACK: With her man, BFF's and her family.

FIONA: Celebrating her worth, her strength, her accomplishments with her most important people. This year, this Diva will be working .... I'll be performing at the Essence Music Festival.

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South Africa trip a dream for Daily Show soccer fan

John Oliver's job on The Daily Show is giving him an English soccer fan's dream: the chance to attend the World Cup — and perhaps more important — taunt the Americans before they take on his national team.

Oliver and producer Tim Greenberg left for South Africa earlier this week to file reports for Jon Stewart's Comedy Central show. Oliver, a soccer fanatic from Birmingham, England, left behind one earlier-filmed report, where he visited the American soccer team before their World Cup opening match with England this weekend. Oliver's report airs Thursday.

"It was a free exchange of opinions as to how the England game would go," Oliver said. "You can probably imagine how that degenerated."

The South African visit is the show's fourth international trip in four summers. Rob Riggle went to Iraq in 2007 and to China for the 2008 Olympics, and Jason Jones went to Iran last year. This year's trip was encouraged by Stewart, a former college soccer player.

Oliver, 32, has become an increasingly valuable member of The Daily Show team during his four years on the job, giving an outsider's often incredulous view of how his host country operates.

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John Oliver, correspondent on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, attends the soccer Send Off Series Match between the U.S. and Czech Republic in East Hartford, Conn. last month.

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Great news for die-hard Elvis fans

TOYS The Elvis Presley estate has signed a deal for Hasbro Inc. and PPW Toys to release an Elvis version of Mr. Potato Head.

Kevin Kern, a spokesman for Presley's Graceland estate, told The Commercial Appeal the new toy is one of 15,000 Elvis-licensed products and is one the company is excited about.

The first of the Elvis potato heads will be released for Elvis Tribute Week in August. The toy will be in a jumpsuit. A second version — with the likeness dressed in black leather — will be on the market for Christmas.

PPW Toys spokesman Dean Gorby said the Elvis Mr. Potato Head will broaden the audience from young fans to adult toy collectors.

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	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Tiny & Toya	Tiny & Toya	*The Best Man* (2006, Suspense) Keeley Hawes.				Mo'Nique
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	305	612	306	PIX	*Indiana Jones*	(7:20) *Zandy's Bride* (1974, Western)			*Walking Tall* ★★ (2004, Action)			*Walking Tall* ★★ (1973)	
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The Limits of Control
Look up "enigmatic" in the dictionary, and you'll find a picture of filmmaker Jim Jarmusch holding a copy of this 2009 drama. African-born French actor Isaach De Bankole stars as the film's unnamed antihero, a hired killer on a mysterious mission in Spain. Among those he meets on his journey are an American (Bill Murray), a Mexican (Gael Garcia Bernal) and a perpetually naked woman (Paz de la Huerta). Tilda Swinton and John Hurt also appear. 9 PM on M1

Walking Tall
Accept no substitutes — especially that egregious 2004 "remake" starring The Rock. This 1973 biodrama is the genuine article: the fact-based story of Buford Pusser, a former Marine and pro wrestler who becomes sheriff in his Tennessee hometown and literally wields a big stick to rid the place of criminals, thugs and corrupt cops. Joe Don Baker and Elizabeth Hartman star. 11:45 AM on PIX

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The dining area is colourful and eccentrically decorated, while the upstairs bar and patio are more modern and streamlined.

The Northern Italian menu offers the usual suspects — pastas and meats with daily specials. Most of the items are affordable, with the exception of our appetizer.

Three Smoked Salmon Wrapped Scallops ($24) are dolloped with mango salsa, red and green wasabi caviar, and served with greens. Cooked and presented well, it's not $24 good. That's more than our mains.

The Veal Provimi Chop ($19) — 6 oz. with lemon butter demi glaze, served with potatoes and vegetables — is thick and juicy, but the veg are disappointingly bland.

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Veal Provimi Chop ($19).

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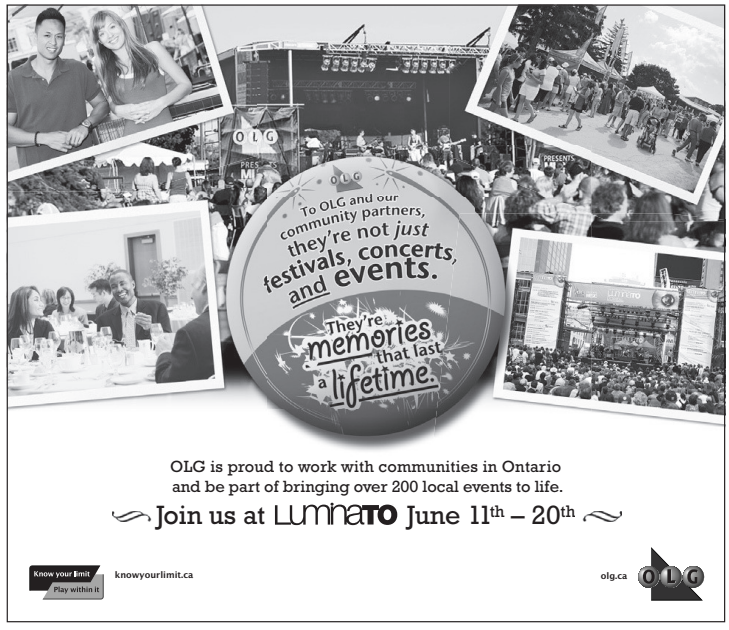

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Bail for Lindsay doubles after SCRAM violation

AND WORK OFFERS DISAPPEAR Lindsay Lohan's SCRAM alcohol-monitoring bracelet got her in trouble Tuesday with a judge who doubled the actress' bail to $200,000.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel determined Lohan violated the terms of her release after a closed-door meeting with the actress' attorney and a prosecutor. Revel did not detail the violation, but said her decision was made after receiving "results" issued by a court-ordered alcohol monitor.

District Attorney's spokeswoman Shiara Davila-Morales said it was an "alcohol-related violation," but did not have further details.

A source familiar with Lohan's case told The Associated Press that the violation was reported after the Mean Girls star appeared at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday night.

Lohan was not present in court Tuesday, but several denials of wrongdoing were posted on the actress' Twitter account shortly before and after the hastily called hearing.

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Heidi files for legal separation

SUPPORTED THROUGH IT ALL BY HER LOYAL MTV CAMERA CREW Heidi Montag headed to the Santa Monica courthouse to make her separation from husband Spencer Pratt official, according to TMZ. But despite the legal paperwork, some of the couple's Hills co-stars aren't buying it. "I just don't think that their (split) is real," Lo Bosworth tells Hollyscoop. Whitney Port agrees, saying, "It seems that a lot that they do is a P.R. brewing."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ladies who lunched

LIGHTLY. VERY, VERY LIGHTLY Courteney Cox is dishing on Jennifer Aniston's favorite dish, claiming her Friends co-star ate the same salad every day for 10 years. "We always had the same thing — a Cobb salad," she tells the Los Angeles Times of their daily lunch breaks. "But it wasn't really a Cobb salad. It was a Cobb salad that Jennifer doctored up with turkey bacon and garbanzo beans and I don't know what. She just has a way with food, which really helps. Because if you're going to eat the same salad every day for 10 years, it'd better be a good salad, right?"

METRO WORLD NEWS

Bodyguard sues Britney for sexual harassment

MY, HOW THE SEXY HAVE FALLEN A former bodyguard for Britney Spears is suing the pop singer for sexual harassment, claiming that her walking around naked in front of him made for an unpleasant work environment, according to Hollyscoop. "She was always giving him the come on and he felt if he didn't reciprocate he could lose his job. He finally handed in his notice last week," a friend of Fernando Flores, the former employee, says. "Working for Britney is tough. She's a nightmare to deal with and her emotions are totally out of control. She runs around the house naked and yelling at staff."

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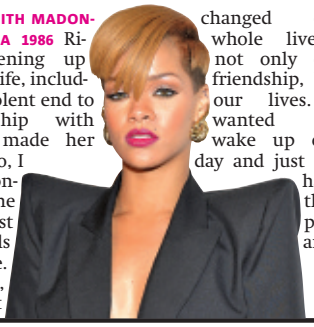
Rihanna talks relationships

AND NOT JUST WITH MADONNA'S STYLE CIRCA 1986 Rihanna is opening up about her love life, including how the violent end to her relationship with Chris Brown made her feel. "A year ago, I was very confused. Because he was my best friend," she tells Elle magazine. "All of a sudden, one night changed our whole lives—not only our friendship, but our lives. I wanted to wake up one day and just not have that pain anymore. I wanted to be with him again or get over him." As for how she's doing now, Rihanna credits her current boyfriend, L.A. Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp, for staying balanced. "I have a boyfriend. I'm so happy," she says. "I have such a chaotic life, but at the end of the day, that is just my peace. It keeps me sane, really."



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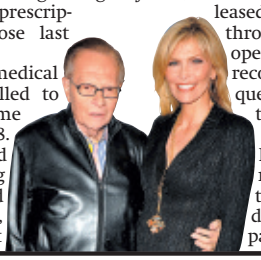
Police: King's wife attempted overdose

PRIVATE PAIN A spokesman for Larry King said yesterday that the talk-show host's wife is recovering after an apparent prescription drug overdose last month in Utah.

Emergency medical workers were called to Shawn King's home in Provo on May 28. Her father dialed 911 after finding the 50-year-old woman in her bed, breathing but not responding when he tried to wake her, according to a transcript of the emergency call, which was released through an open-records request yesterday.



Karl Engemann told the dispatcher that he thought she may have taken too much medication for anxiety or depression. Officers who responded to the call found several prescription bottles, including Ambien and anti-anxiety medication, that had been filled within 10 days but were empty, according to a police report. It also said there was a handwritten note that indicated she had taken the pills intentionally.

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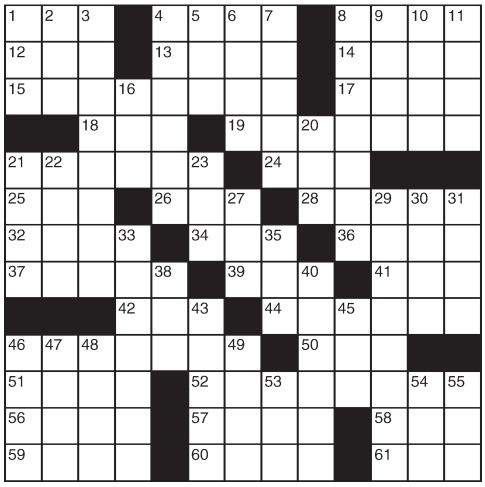

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	2		3		1		7	
7								5
		5	9		7	3		
	6		4	9	2		3	
	4						1	
	5		1	7	6		8	
		6	5		9	8		
9								2
	3		6		8		9	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

5	6	4	2	7	8	9	3	1
2	3	8	9	6	1	5	7	4
9	1	7	3	4	5	8	2	6
4	2	5	6	9	3	1	8	7
7	8	3	1	2	4	6	5	9
1	9	6	8	5	7	2	4	3
6	5	1	4	3	2	7	9	8
3	7	9	5	8	6	4	1	2
8	4	2	7	1	9	3	6	5

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Honey Seared Salmon Sandwich with Apple Poppy Seed Slaw

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup cored and matchstick cut fennel, about 1/2 medium bulb, plus 2-tablespoons chopped fronds
1 celery stalk, thinly sliced crosswise
1/2 Granny Smith apple, cored and matchstick cut
1/4 cup sour cream
2 tbsp cider vinegar
1 tbsp plus 1 tsp honey
1 tsp poppy seeds
1 tsp lemon zest
2 tsp lemon juice
4 (5oz) salmon fillets
1 tbsp olive oil
4 slices focaccia, cut to size of salmon fillets or slices of sourdough bread

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high and arrange rack 8 inches from broiler. Line a rimmed sheet pan with foil and set aside.
2. Combine the fennel, celery and apple in a bowl and set aside. In a small jar with a tight fitting lid, combine sour cream, cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon honey, poppy seeds, lemon zest and juice. Cover with lid and shake until well blended. Pour sour cream mixture over fennel mixture and stir to thoroughly coat.
3. Brush olive oil over salmon, season generously with salt and pepper and transfer to prepared sheet pan. Drizzle remaining 1 tablespoon honey over tops of fillets, place under broiler and cook until opaque in centre, about 5 minutes. Toast bread while salmon is cooking and transfer to plates. Place slaw on top of bread and arrange salmon on top.

SERVES 4

• *Serve this recipe with Tomato Bread Soup with Cheddar Crisps and finish with Almond Butter Cookies for a wonderful late-spring meal. Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.*

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You cannot keep your thoughts and feelings hidden indefinitely — at some stage you are going to have to come clean with friends and family.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
We all make mistakes so don't be so hard on yourself. By all means learn lessons from what has gone wrong but be positive about what lies ahead.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Refuse to let anyone, no matter how well intentioned, make decisions for you. Today you will see with the utmost clarity what needs to be done. So do it.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You will have to make some tough decisions today but you are not the sort to avoid something just because it's unpleasant.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
There are certain issues that get you worked up and eager to make changes and one such issue will dominate your thoughts today.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Cosmic activity on and around the midheaven angle of your chart encourages you to be more ambitious.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Focus your energies in one particular direction today. If you try to do too much you will spread yourself too thin.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Watch what you say over the next 24 hours because if you say too much it could cost you dear. Certain information has been given to you in confidence.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You need to find a new way of dealing with an old problem. You are more likely to succeed if you seek advice from people you trust.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
There are some dramatic developments taking place in your world but for the most part they will leave you untouched.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The pen is mightier than the sword. True or false? It will certainly be true today. Reach out and make contact. Broadcast your vision to the world.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Casual conversations can sometimes lead to important discoveries. All you have to do is stay alert.

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